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ord George-Brown quits Labour on press freedom vote

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George-Brown said after nation: "I have been r of the Labour Party 51. I am breaking a t devotion to the party. me it has always been y standing for indiviedom, and that means dom to speak, to write argue. The passage of tonight denies a man it, in my opinion. This thing which ran me edge." He added:

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r Party officials out last night that the ay Lord George-Brown resign officially was by g his membership of al party. But he was efinite last night that told the party leaders ords of his resignation. government victory in the Lords was the end of the road for Lord Goodman in his efforts to change the Bill so that the proposed press charter would safeguard by statute a journalist's right to belong to a union of his choice, and the right of an editor or journalist to commission, publish or not publish any article free from pressure brought by industrial action.

Lord Shepherd, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House, had urged the Lords not to carry the Goodman amendment because it would have removed entirely the provision for a voluntary press charter to be worked out by unions and employers. He emphasized that the charter would come before both Houses for approval.

Lord Goodman, with support from the Conservative and cross benches, argued that without the prior conditions which he had requested the charter would be a menace to the freedom of the press. There would be little chance of a voluntary agreement, which would mean that it would be drawn up by Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment.

He forecast that its terms would give predominance to the National Union of Journalists, and that the Institute of Journalists, of about 3,000 members would be immolated. It would mean that membership of the NUJ would be a precondition for anyone wanting to write for the press.

When the House divided on Lord Goodman's amendment Lord George-Brown could be seen trying to persuade Conservative and Labour peers who were hesitating to go into the anti-Government lobby.

Lord Bradwell, formerly Mr Tom Driberg, speaking from the Labour benches as a former working journalist, said Lord Goodman had been keeping the wrong company. He had been with the Newspaper Publishers Association; he should have discussed the Bill with the fathers of NUJ chapels in Fleet Street [chairmen of union branches]. "The NUJ is in fact the only genuine trade union for journalists", he said. The institute was what was sometimes called a company union.

A lot of humbug had been talked about the freedom of the press, Lord Bradwell, said "There is an old adage, still broadly true, that freedom of the press in Britain means the freedom to print such of the proprietor's prejudices as the advertisers do not object to."

Lord George-Brown resigned as Foreign Secretary in 1968 because he disagreed with the policy of Mr Wilson's Government (the Press Association reports).

He was defeated as MP for Belper, in Derbyshire, in the 1970 election and was created a life peer in Mr Wilson's Resignation Honours.

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Lord George-Brown leaving Parliament last night: "Breaking a lifetime's devotion to the party."

Mr Thorpe greeting a voter in the Sutton, Carshalton, constituency yesterday during a campaign visit in preparation for next week's by-election. Report, page 2.

Lion attacks woman but police unable to act

By Robert Parker

Surrey police said yesterday that they were unable to take action against the owner of a lion that jumped on a woman in a leopard-skin coat as she was on her way to work in Woking.

Mrs Poppy Hull, an accountant, was not hurt, but she was badly shaken. The lion, called Shane, which is just over a year old and weighs 14 stone, has approached other people in the area, according to the police. It is owned by Mr Ronald Voice, who works for a taxi company in Woking.

The police said that although it was well known in the district and some people regarded it as playful and harmless, they would like to reduce the risk of a serious attack.

If it were a dog there would be no difficulty. Neither the Public Nuisance Act nor other legislation appeared to allow them to take action.

The Home Office said it could not help, but the Lord Chancellor's Office said there was scope for civil action under the Animals Act, 1971, in the event of injury.

Mr Cranley Onslow, Conservative MP for Woking, is among the 10 sponsors of a Bill that seeks to give the police powers to deal with attacks by lions and other "wild" animals. The measure, the Dangerous Wild Animals Bill, received its second reading last month and is due for committee stage in two weeks.

Yesterday's incident happened as Mrs Hull was walking down Chertsey Road about 9.30 am. She said she felt what she thought was a pair of arms on her shoulders, turned, saw the animal, and collapsed. It stood over her until Mr Voice called it off.

Mr Voice had been playing with the lion, which he keeps in an old double-deck bus.

He was not available for comment, but Miss Carole Butler, a receptionist with the taxi firm, said Shane was friendly and harmless.

Our Legal Correspondent writes: The Dangerous Wild Animals Bill provides that "no person shall keep any dangerous wild animal" without a local authority licence.

Conditions for the annual licence include the provision of escape-proof accommodation and safeguards for the well being of the animal. The local authority is given powers to inspect premises.

Keeping a wild animal without a licence, or failure to conform to its conditions, would make a person liable to a £200 fine for a first offence and to a £400 fine and/or three months' imprisonment for subsequent offences.

The local authority would have power to seize and dispose of the animal without compensation.

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Police find bomb factory in Clapham

Mr Jock Wilson, Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioner (Crime), said last night that the police had found another bomb factory in London.

Speaking at a "crime night" dinner at the Press Club, London, Mr Wilson said: "At 6.45 pm I was informed that the bomb squad had found yet another bomb factory in London."

Several devices and some explosives were found, but police were not prepared late last night to disclose the precise address. The discovery was preceded by raids by armed detectives on homes in west London.

A Scotland Yard official told *The Times* that 40lb of explosives had so far been discovered in a flat in a Victorian block near Clapham Common. The devices were "not sophisticated equipment" but could do a great deal of damage.

There have been eight bomb attacks in London since the death in prison last month of Frank Stagg the IRA hunger striker.

The last bomb factory found was at Milton Grove, Stoke Newington, London, just before Christmas. Police said on December 17 that the top-floor flat had yielded detonators, timing devices, and other bomb-making equipment.

Five days earlier, immediately after the ending of the Balcombe Street siege, the police had discovered another bomb factory in a flat at Crouch End, north London. Detectives examining evidence from the two flats said they had also discovered a hand-written "death list" containing the names of several Cabinet ministers, leading members of the Conservative Party, and senior Army officers in England.

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Three Rhodesian policemen killed in guerrilla raid on border hotel

From Nicholas Ashford
Salisbury, March 2

In one of the boldest and most open attacks yet, nationalist guerrillas operating from Mozambique have killed three Rhodesian African policemen during a raid on an hotel. Seven civilians were wounded during the attack, one of them seriously.

According to a communiqué from the Rhodesian security force headquarters the raid took place in the eastern border area on Sunday evening. A large group of armed, uniformed guerrillas who had crossed the border from Mozambique were robbing the African hotel when the police arrived. The three policemen died during the ensuing battle.

Before the arrival of the police, the communiqué said, the raiders had terrorized the hotel staff and customers by firing shots at random into a crowded dance hall. The hotel and customers had been robbed of about £150.

The death of the policemen brings to seven the toll of Rhodesian security forces during the last four days. Seventeen guerrillas have died over the same period.

Although the communiqué did not state the location of the latest incident it is understood to have taken place in a tribal trust land near Inyanga, about 70 miles north of Umtali. This is the first incident to have been reported in this mountainous region which is a popular holiday area for white Rhodesians and South Africans.

It is feared that the attack could have a serious disruptive effect on the region's tourist trade. Some of Rhodesia's finest hotels are situated near Inyanga and they are already suffering from a loss of custom caused by petrol rationing.

The Inyanga attack means that virtually the whole of Rhodesia's eastern border with Mozambique has now become a target for guerrilla activity. Since the nationalists began their new offensive about a month ago incidents have been reported from Chiredzi in the south to Centenary in the north.

The most serious have been the Rhodesians' "hot pursuit" exercise into Mozambique around Chipinga last week, when 24 guerrillas and one member of the security force were killed, and last Saturday's battle in the north-east around Mount Darwin, when 17 guerrillas and four security force men died.

Other incidents have included the blowing up by land mines of two buses near Chipinga, attacks on farm houses near Chiredzi and Chipinga, several mine and shooting incidents in the Vumba mountains, and a large number of mine incidents in the north-east border area.

The two eastern border regions which have so far remained largely unscathed are Umtali, the largest town in the area, and Melsetter, which is protected by the natural barrier of the Chimanimani mountains.

The extent of the latest incidents confronts the security forces with enormous problems. They now have to expect attacks along some 600 miles of border containing the most wild and mountainous territory

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MPs disillusioned by Smith wiles

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

There was no disguising the tone of disillusionment in which Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, reported to MPs yesterday on Lord Greenhill's exploratory mission to Salisbury. Indeed, it was clear that the disenchantment of the Commons with the wiles of Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, has spread far beyond the Government benches.

Although the Foreign Secretary told MPs that he had still not considered Lord Greenhill's assessment of Rhodesian attitudes fully, he held out no hope of further British involvement unless there was a rapid about-face by the illegal regime. Mr Callaghan left the House in little doubt of his annoyance that the British envoy had been given no hint of what might be the basis for reports of an encouraging nature coming from Salisbury yesterday after new talks between Mr Nkomo, the African National Council leader, and Mr Smith.

"I have no idea what went on", Mr Callaghan curtly told a questioner. "I have no idea what went on between the two."

From the Tory front bench, the Foreign Secretary was given encouragement by Mr Tugendhat, in the absence of Mr Maudling, the Shadow Foreign Secretary. He gave a warning that those who played with time were running out of that precious commodity, and there was an urgent need for an early move if transition was to be peaceful.

Mr Callaghan agreed, pointing out that the whole situation would be transformed if Mr Smith were to say to his European followers that the time had come to accept the principle of majority rule and they intended to enter negotiations for the orderly transfer of power.

Emphasizing the problems of trying to influence the Rhodesian leader, Mr Callaghan told the House: "Mr Smith is his own man and will go his own way, but whether to heaven or to perdition, I am not sure. . . . But Mr Smith has the capacity to carry the Europeans with him if he will once make this great leap, which is necessary."

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Lions eat man in South Africa

Skukuza, South Africa, March 2.—A hunt was started here for six lions which attacked and ate an African near this village in the Kruger National Park.

Mr Dolf Lahuschagne, a local storekeeper, said 2,400 Africans living in the area were now afraid to leave their huts after dark.—AP.

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Invasions are ruled out by Angola

Luanda, March 2.—Angola has absolutely no intention of invading Namibia (South-West Africa) or Rhodesia, a spokesman for the People's Movement (MPLA) said in Luanda today.

Commenting on a weekend statement attributed to President Neto of Angola, the spokesman said that although Angola's "internationalist duty" was to aid other African liberation movements, "we have no intention of crossing our own borders."—Agence France-Presse.

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An X-ray telescope designed to disclose details of stars and galaxies that are baffling astronomers was demonstrated in London. Study of X-ray sources has become a crucial part of investigation into the evolution of the universe Page 5

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Red faces over report on Crown Agents

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

For the second time in four years, the Ministry of Overseas Development is proposing not to publish the findings of an official inquiry which is likely to disclose embarrassing facts about the department's inadequate supervision of the now technically insolvent Crown Agents organization.

However, important new evidence about the ministry's role as the Crown Agents began heavy borrowing on their own account for property speculation and share investments, may prompt early parliamentary demands for publication of all the facts.

The Crown Agents had to be rescued by the Government last year, with Bank of England help, and only swift parliamentary action prevented the liabilities rising to over £500m.

The task of investigating the circumstances leading to the provision of around £100m of State support for the 143-year-old overseas buying agency, rests with Mr Justice Fay, sitting with Sir Edmund Compton, the former Ombudsman, and Mr Peter Godfrey, a top accountant. Their report is expected in July.

Meanwhile, Sir David Pitblado, Comptroller and Auditor General, has suddenly stepped into the affair by notifying the Commons Committee of Public Accounts that he wrote to the Treasury as far back as October 1969 about changes in the Agents' activities.

Asked whether the Fay inquiry report will be published, the ministry told *The Times* that the present intention was that Mr Reg Prentice, the minister, will receive the full findings and then make a report in a statement to Parliament. It should be noted that a report would be made, but the question of publication of the Fay findings would be another matter.

MPs are bound to seek swift clarification of this cautious reply by the main department involved in the Crown Agents affair, which is sponsoring the inquiry and which is duty bound to examine the department's actions.

It is being alleged by the Comptroller and Auditor General, after his own studies, that the ministry claims that while it became aware of some small and comparatively risk-free transactions by the Crown Agents on their own account around 1967, it had no prior knowledge of the much more substantial borrowings for on-lending or investment purposes which by 1968 had reached significant proportions.

Indeed, Sir David Pitblado reveals the ministry has told him they had first learnt of the scope of new operations in October, 1969, from a copy of correspondence between his own office and the Treasury.

This is a startling claim. Before that date the Crown Agents had set up a merchant bank, formed Four Millbank Investments to buy shareholdings in British companies, acquired their first shares in First National Finance Corporation, changed the accounting system, formed a property company, competed hard for deposits, and created Sterling Industrial Securities.

Moreover, the ministry in May, 1968, nominated its own principal finance officer, Sir Claude Hayes, to become the first newly-styled Chairman and Senior Agent. It also agreed that his predecessor, Sir Stephen Luke, should serve on the board beyond his normal retirement on September 30, 1968.

In due course, the Crown Agents, under Sir Claude, became involved in varying degrees with the Triumph Investment trust, the Steru property empire, Cedar Holdings, the Israel-British Bank, Cannon Street Securities, Vehicle and General, Nation Life, Moorgate and Mercantile, Metal Traders, Mineral Securities, Burstow, the Lyon Group, London and County Securities, and even Mr John Stonehouse's interests.

Another startling piece of new evidence about the ministry's alertness to the changing policies appears to conflict with the claim that it had no knowledge of borrowings for on-lending and investment before October 1969.

This is a request made by the ministry to Sir Claude Hayes earlier that year "to keep them informed of all proposed new business ventures, investments and extensions of Crown Agents activities". Why was this request made and what was the response?

Questions about the ministry's role do not stop there. One Minister commissioned a department paper, received in the summer of 1970 by a successor, who would delay for another year before setting up an inquiry, under Sir Matthew Stevenson, into the Agents' activities and constitutional position. Another year passed before there was any firm action to control the Agents.

Sir Matthew's full findings were kept secret because this was necessary to enable frank examination of the department's relationship with the Agents. Late in 1969, the ministry had concluded that a wide inquiry into the Crown Agents should not be proposed.

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Britain and Spain begin to patch up their differences

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

Relations between Britain and Spain look like taking a distinct turn for the better after wide-ranging talks in London yesterday between Señor José Maria Areilza, the Spanish Foreign Minister, and Mr Wilson and Mr Callaghan.

While no specific undertakings were given by Señor Areilza about relaxing Spanish restrictions on Gibraltar, he gave the impression that a democratic Spain could take a more flexible attitude than was possible under the Franco dictatorship.

But if Mr Callaghan was hoping for an immediate lifting of some of the restrictions, as previous statements by the Spanish Government had indicated, he was disappointed. The Foreign Secretary restated the long-standing British position, that there could be no change in constitutional status without the consent of the people of Gibraltar.

The core of yesterday's meetings concerned progress in Madrid towards full democracy and Spain's hopes of joining the EEC.

Mr Callaghan told Señor Areilza that Spain's intention to join the EEC was very much welcomed, because a democratic Spain would be a great addition to the strength of southern Europe. But the British Government thought this process was likely to take a considerable time, and the British people would be watching Spain's progress towards democracy with great interest and understanding. They would measure progress achieved by the extent to which universal suffrage was achieved, and the extent to which there were free political parties and free trade unions.

Both Mr Wilson and Mr Callaghan accepted Señor Areilza's argument that after 40 years of dictatorship there were difficult problems to be tackled, and progress must be steady.

Señor Areilza also emphasized that Spain was not seeking membership of the EEC right away. The first step towards achieving democracy would be municipal elections this year and national elections next year.

Washington: King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain will pay a state visit to the United States on June 2 and 3, the White House announced.—AP.

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27 Cases	1964	Ch MONTROSE (St Estephe)	£42
86 Cases	1966	Ch LEOVILLE POYFERRE (St Julien)	£42
24 Cases	1966	Ch GRUAUD LAROSE (St Julien)	£44
26 Cases	1964	Ch COS D'ESTOURNEL (St Estephe)	£44
11 Cases	1963	Ch MOUTON ROTHSCHILD (Pauillac)	£48
33 Cases	1963	Ch LAFITE ROTHSCHILD (Pauillac)	£52
28 Cases	1959	Ch TALBOT (St Julien)	£60
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20 Cases	1964	Ch. CHEVAL BLANC (St Emilion)	£75
27 Cases	1964	Ch MOUTON ROTHSCHILD (Pauillac)	£80
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HOME NEWS

Minister overrules inquiry to allow Scottish oil refinery

From David Leigh
Edinburgh

A £150m oil refinery is to be built at Nigg Point in the north of Scotland. Mr Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland, yesterday overruled the findings from a public inquiry that a refinery would be ugly, polluting and economically disturbing, saying the Cromarty Firth on the north-east coast needed the jobs.

The decision, welcomed within the Highland Regional Council, has important implications. The work on building oil rigs, which has transformed parts of Scotland from decline to boom conditions, is showing signs of running out. A refinery would be part of the "downstream" processing activity arising from North Sea oil which, it is hoped, may bring more permanent employment, as well as further improving the United Kingdom balance of payments.

Farther down the east coast, at Peterhead, for example, two applications to build gas-processing plants are awaiting decisions by Mr Ross. The hope among Highland authorities will now be that more petrochemical works may eventually spring up in the "growth point" on the Cromarty Firth.

Mr Ross's decision contrasts with that in the Drumbuie inquiry, the last big clash between environmental and industrial interests in the north of Scotland, where consent was eventually refused for oil platform building on a west coast beauty spot.

Although five hundred objectors testified to the nine-week inquiry last year on the refinery and despite the findings of the reporter (inquiry inspector), the Scottish Office announced yesterday: "The arguments in this case are finely balanced. On the one hand it is clear that there are dangers of oil pollution inherent in the project and that even with the most stringent precautions there can be no guarantee that some pollution of this nature will not occur. There is also bound to be some effect on fishing.

"Equally, no overriding national need for further refinery capacity has emerged. On the other hand the new jobs and the supporting employment would be a significant contribution to the economy of the area".

Mr Ross had decided it would be a very serious step to turn away such a development in an industrial growth area.

Construction of the new refinery, to be built by Cromarty Petroleum, a subsidiary of an American tanker firm, National Bulk Carriers, of New York, may begin within a year. The refinery will be built over three to four years and the labour force living in camps will rise to a peak of 1,500.

The refinery will provide about 450 permanent jobs processing oil from tankers arriving both from North Sea fields and the Middle East. The company envisages refining about 10 million tons annually. United Kingdom refinery capacity by the 1980s is expected to be 150 million tons.

Mr Ross has decided that it is well worth overriding environmental protests to gain 40 to 50 years of potential industrial life for the refinery. But the application has been granted only on strict planning conditions.

Our Energy Correspondent writes: Unofficial approaches have been made to the newly formed British National Oil Corporation about participation in the Nigg refinery. Lord Kearton, chairman, declined to say who had made the approaches, but he added that the corporation was investigating the possibility of participation in a number of refining projects.

MP's breach of privilege claim rejected

A contention by Mrs Winifred Ewing, Scottish National Party MP for Moray and Nairn, that an attack on her in a newspaper letter by a fellow MP was a breach of parliamentary privilege was rejected yesterday by the speaker, Mr George Thomas.

Mrs Ewing had complained about a letter in the *Northern Scot and Moray and Nairn Express* on February 28, by Mr William Hamilton, Labour MP for Fife, Central. She maintained that it was defamatory as it accused her of gross dereliction of duty as an MP in the European Parliament.

Report for DPP on loss of Wilson papers

Detectives are preparing a report for the Director of Public Prosecutions on investigations into the disappearance of private papers belonging to the Prime Minister.

The report will be sent to the DPP in the next few weeks and involves eight burglaries of premises in which papers were stored. Four men were questioned at Cannon Row police station yesterday but were not detained.

Many Crossman entries untrue, Mr Wilson says

By Our Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

Mr Wilson, questioned in the Commons yesterday about the diaries of Mr Richard Crossman, told MPs that it was incorrect to say, as Mr Dalyell, Labour MP for West Lothian, had maintained, that "everyone around the Cabinet table knew precisely what he was up to".

Ministers who were present at those meetings knew that Mr Crossman was taking a considerable interest in constitutional questions but, the Prime Minister added, "what no one could have forecast was that Dick Crossman died and these things would be put out without his editing". There were many statements in the diaries that he (Mr Wilson) knew to have been not true, because they could not have fitted in with the dates when things were supposed to have happened.

The Prime Minister thought there was no need for members of the Government to sign undertakings that they would not take notes of Cabinet proceedings. He did not agree with Mr Heffer, Labour MP for Liverpool, Walton, that Mr Crossman did "a first-class job in tearing away the veil of the so-called secrecy of government".

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Jury told that murdered girl was seen at fête

Two sisters saw Alison Chadwick, aged 10, at a fete on the day she disappeared in 1974, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday. The times they gave, about 3 pm, are later than the time a key prosecution witness says she saw Alison Chadwick enter the house of Stanley Rogers, aged 56, who is accused of her murder.

Georgina Hards, aged 12, and her sister, Janet, aged 10, were giving evidence yesterday for Mr Rogers, of Royebery Road, Isleworth, Middlesex, who denies the charge.

Alison Chadwick, of Old Manor Drive, Whitton Dene, Isleworth, vanished on June 22, 1974. Her body was found in February last year, dumped in a sack eight miles away.

A woman neighbour of Mr Rogers has told the jury that she saw a girl like Alison enter his house at about 2.30 pm. She timed it by the Saturday edition of *Woman's Hour*, to which she was listening.

Georgina Hards, of Neller Road, Whitton, told the jury yesterday that she saw Alison at a sweet stall at a fête in the area at about 3.15 pm. She had said "hullo" and Alison had said "hullo" back. Janet Hards, in a statement, also described seeing Alison at the fête at about 3 pm.

Mr Kenneth Richardson, for the prosecution, said the killing of a little girl could only be the work of someone who had a sexual motive.

The trial continues today.

Carshalton by-election 'comes at bad time for Labour Party'

Tories confident of commuterland victory

By Penny Symon

Viewed from the elegant lawns of the "stockbrokers' Tudor" mansions at Carshalton Beeches, Surrey, the result of the parliamentary by-election on Thursday week seems a foregone conclusion. As a resident said: "The Conservatives are used to dealing with money. After all, they do tend to have quite a lot of it, even in these hard times, and this country needs people with that skill to get us out of our mess."

Conservative Party workers, however, are at pains to point out that although they are confident of retaining the seat they are not complacent. If any member does appear complacent he is reminded that Labour won the seat by 372 votes in the 1973 GLC election, and that Carshalton, consisting of 13 wards of the London borough of Sutton, has 11 Labour and four Ratepayer councillors in addition to its 12 Conservative members.

If that does not spur the complacent to work harder, party chiefs point out that the majority of Mr Robert Carr, now Lord Carr of Hadley, dropped from 5,690 in the general election of February, 1974, to 3,638 in October of that year.

Polling day: March 11.
Candidates: Mr N. Forman (C); Mr J. Hatherley (L); Mr C. Blau (Lab). Electorate: 68,836.
General election: Mr L. R. Carr (C), 22,538; Mr B. F. Atherton (Lab), 18,840; Mrs H. M. G. Smallbone (L), 8,272. C majority: 3,698.

To the voters of Sutton, Carshalton, the campaign seems to be moving at a leisurely pace, despite the breakneck speed with which Mr Nigel Forman, the Conservative candidate, and his entourage conduct their canvassing.

Mr Forman, aged 32, says that he has good credentials for national politics: he was an information officer at the Confederation of British Industry, then he joined the Conservative research department, specializing in European affairs. Recently he has been assistant director in charge of policy coordination.

Mrs Thatcher, the Conservative leader, is due in the constituency on Friday to walk round. Mr Whitelaw, deputy leader of the party, will address a public meeting on Monday, and Lord Carr will attend an eve-of-poll rally today week.

The only difficulty is the decision by Mr Heath, the former leader, to address a public meeting on Tuesday. No one seems sure who issued the invitation, but Conservatives are anxious not to reopen discussions about the bitterness of the leadership issue.

The electioneering was enlivened yesterday by Mr Thorpe, the Liberal leader, who bounded up and down the street, greeting all with enthusiasm. "Isn't he a comic?" one woman said as he passed by after having put on a West Country accent for the benefit of a Cornish voter.

The welcome he received was genuine and seemed to surprise some in his own camp. People came up to him spontaneously and he said to Mr John Hatherley, aged 49, a teacher who is the Liberal candidate, that "the buzz is good".

Liberals remember their 1972 by-election victory in the neighbouring Sutton and Cheam constituency whenever, during this campaign, they get downhearted – and wonder whether voters are sufficiently disillusioned with both parties to vote Liberal.

The constituency is mainly peopled by commuters, although there is a little industry in central Carshalton and north Wallington. Unemployment in the Sutton and Croydon area has risen from 3,193 in February last year, to 7,048 in January this year; the number of unfilled vacancies has fallen from 1,880 last March, to 625 now.

Mr Colin Blau, aged 39, the Labour candidate, is a social workgroup controller in Tower Hamlets. A swing of 3.7 per cent is needed for Labour to capture the seat, and his supporters agree that now could not be a worse time for them to be fighting a by-election.

But Mr Blau is working hard to convince those who complain to him about rising prices and inflation that the Government is well on the way to victory over those two evils: "We are the only party that can persuade the unions to accept our policy", he tells people in the Labour stronghold in the huge St Helier council estate.

Coventry socialists back man who knows cars

From Trevor Fishlock
Coventry

Mr Geoffrey Robinson, who is likely to be elected Labour MP for Coventry, North-west, in the by-election there tomorrow, has the lean frame, good teeth and shy smile that would earn a role in a film about fighter pilots. Mr Jonathan Guinness, his Conservative opponent, on the other hand, lacks dash and looks rather RAF-retired. Mr Robinson has a spring in his step; Mr Guinness, a veteran campaigner, trudges.

Although the betting is heavily in favour of Mr Robinson, there are a few factors that, if combined, might stop him piloting his mustard Jaguar down the motorway to Westminster.

There is the question of unemployment, and many voters are asking candidates what they are going to do about it. There are 14,000 people out of work in Coventry, a rate of 7.3 per cent.

Mr Robinson says Labour supporters understand that inflation has caused much of the trouble and appreciate the Government's efforts to bring the economy round.

There is also the matter of Mrs Thatcher's influence on the women of Coventry. She seemed to impress many people during her visit to support Mr Guinness, and there were women in the shops who said, after seeing her, that they might give the Tories a try this time.

Mr Guinness, who is 45 and a merchant banker, fights the seat for the second time. In October, 1974, he polled 11,717 votes. He keeps up a solid attack on Labour economic policies, but he seems more subdued than the Guinness who fizzed like a Roman candle at the Lincoln by-election in 1973.

There are some Conservatives who do not care for his Monday Clubbery and believe that he would damage the party's image if elected.

In the Labour camp, there are some party members who feel uncomfortable about Mr Robinson's executive and moderate image.

But Mr Robinson earns respect as a man of talent who knows the car industry well. Aged 36, he was Jaguar's chief executive in 1974 and last year.

The campaign has been steady, unremarkable, without spark. The Liberals are making a big push and have been the hardest working party in the campaign.

Polling day: Tomorrow
Candidates: Mr G. Robinson (Lab); Mr J. Guinness (C); Mr A. Leighton (L); Mr A. Fountaine (Nat Front); Mr J. Kingsley Read (National Party); Mr W. Dunmore (Logic Party); Mr T. Keen (Campaign for a More Prosperous Britain). Electorate: 49,247.
General election: Mr M. Edelman (Lab), 19,205; Mr J. Guinness (C), 11,717; Mrs P. Newnham (L), 5,798; Mrs A. L. Whittaker (People Party), 313. Lab majority: 7,488.

Mr Alan Leighton, the Liberal candidate, is fighting his first election. He is 44, a former Franciscan friar, and now a professional soother and helping hand: an agony columnist in print and on the air.

The Liberals believe their hard work will earn them second place in the poll.

Out on the fringes are four candidates of assorted views, including the National Front man, who is still using the slogans of the 1960s about sending black people back home.

Our Political Staff writes: Conservative policies would cost at least 56,000 jobs in Coventry, devastating the city's business and commercial life and causing untold misery to its people, the Prime Minister said yesterday.

In a message to Mr Robinson, Mr Wilson said the Conservatives had shown by their votes in the Commons that they were concerned to cut the help being given by the Government to save jobs.

When the Tories had voted against the Government's assistance for British Leyland they were demanding that hundreds of thousands of men and women should lose their jobs, 33,000 of them in Coventry.

Mr Prior, opposition spokesman on employment, said in Coventry yesterday that a defeat for the Government in Coventry would give MPs power to curb the socialist legislation being forced through Parliament.

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Yard seeks to identify man in bomb blast

By Stewart Tendler

Detectives from Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad yesterday tried to trace the identity of the man injured by the bomb that exploded in Stanhope Gardens, South Kensington, on Monday evening.

The man, in his twenties, told detectives that his name was Patrick Hennessey and that he lived at an address in Stockwell, south London. He was thought to have come originally from Northern Ireland.

After a day of checks and talks with the Royal Ulster Constabulary and Irish police senior officers were sure last night that the name and address they were given were false.

He was badly injured when the bomb exploded close to a parked car. There was no obvious target for the 1lb device and the police have said they do not rule out the possibility that the man was holding the bomb when it exploded.

He was taken to St Stephen's Hospital, Fulham, after losing a hand and suffering abdominal injuries. He was described yesterday as seriously ill.

Explosives case jury retires

The jury in the explosives trial at the Central Criminal Court retired to consider its verdict yesterday and later spent the night at an hotel. The trial was adjourned until today.

Seven people have pleaded not guilty to possessing nitroglycerine between December 1 and 4, 1974. They were arrested by detectives investigating the public house bombings at Guildford, Surrey.

Uproar as Ulster Convention nears end

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

The Stormont debating chamber was filled yesterday with a familiar blend of imminent doom and diehard sectarian bitterness as the 78 members of Northern Ireland's unsuccessful Convention gathered to begin their final session.

Any remaining hopes of a new mood of compromise were quickly dashed. From the outset it was clear that members of the dominant "loyalist" coalition and the mainly Roman Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party had been unable to reach the agreement demanded by the Government when the Convention was set up.

Although no votes were taken, the loyalists made clear that by the end of today they will have used their majority to re-submit to Westminster the unacceptable proposals for a regional government put up last November.

As the convention chairman, Sir Robert Lowry, struggled to maintain order, there was a constant stream of abuse and gibes across the floor of the House. It was hard for observers to recall the heady moments last August when a compromise had seemed possible.

Opening for the United Ulster Unionist Coalition, Mr Harry West, its leader, made clear that his side would not compromise on the crucial issue of power-sharing. He repeated his challenge to those parties favouring power-sharing to form a coalition and fight an election for a new Northern Ireland Parliament.

The bitterness and distrust that have marked the repeated attempts at private inter-party talks came to the surface frequently from the opposition benches. At one point Mrs Eileen Paisley, wife of the Rev Ian Paisley and a member of his party, shouted at Mr John Hume, deputy leader of the SDLP: "You are a twister, a political, jesuit twister."

In a powerful and often emotional speech Mr Hume explained why his party regarded the Convention exercise as an expensive charade. He described Mr Paisley as a demagogue and the greatest friend that the provisional IRA had ever had. "He feeds them with his extremism and in turn they feed him with their extremism", Mr Hume said.

Mr Paisley is expected to reply in forceful terms when he winds up the debate later today before the lengthy voting procedure necessary for the 29 separate resolutions now before the Convention.

The most statesmanlike speech yesterday came from Mr William Craig, former deputy leader of the UUUC, who resigned to pursue the lost cause of an agreed temporary coalition government.

Speaking from the cross benches, surrounded by his three remaining Vanguard Party members, he made an impassioned plea for a referendum on the coalition plan.

By the time the session was adjourned for the night, it became clear that Mr Craig's call for a referendum will receive only minority support from the other Convention parties. As a result, an announcement that direct rule will be continued indefinitely will be made by the Government at Westminster later this week.

Mr McGuinness freed: Martin McGuinness walked free from Belfast Magistrates' Court yesterday after a charge against him alleging IRA membership had been dropped (the Press Association reports).

Mr McGuinness, a republican living in Elmwood Street, Londonderry, has been jailed twice in the Irish Republic for alleged IRA membership, but after yesterday's development he denied that he was a member.

Bill signals end of the pint and ounce

By Our Political Staff

A Bill that signals the end of the pint, yard and ounce as everyday units of measurement in the United Kingdom and their replacement with metric measures was presented in the House of Commons yesterday.

Most of the Weights and Measures, Etc Bill is simply enabling legislation, under which the Government could abolish imperial units at some future date. The Government hopes that the power to set cut-off dates for the use of imperial units will not need to be used extensively, although there might be several starting days for metrication for different sectors.

The Government expects that, with some exceptions, the metric system will be in everyday use throughout the retail sector by 1980. Thus by then the yard will have been succeeded by the metre, the pint by the litre and the pound by the kilogram.

Before making an order discontinuing the use of particular units the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection will consult affected interests. Britain has been changing to the international metric system since 1965, on a voluntary basis, and the system has been widely adopted in industry, education and in retail sales.

Most overseas trade is with countries that either are, or are going, metric. Only Burma, Brunei, Liberia, and the two Yemen republics are not using or adopting the system.

Trade, industry and consumer organizations have told the Government that there is a great risk of confusion unless it ensures that metrication is completed in a simple and orderly fashion. There are also obligations under the EEC Treaty of Accession for general adoption of the system.

The Department of Prices and Consumer Protection has said that metrication will not necessarily involve price adjustments, although where a metric pack is a different size from the one it replaces prices may need to be rounded up or down to the nearest ½p.

The new Bill will also give the Government power to relax or suspend the provisions of the Weights and Measures or Food and Drugs Acts in times of shortage.

During the recent sugar shortage some packets of imported sugar sold in Britain were technically illegal and thus large numbers of retailers had been at risk. Under the Bill the Government will be able to end such risks.

Other clauses in the Bill would give the Government power to standardize certain container sizes and to prescribe fees for local authorities to receive for services provided in line with EEC obligations.

While most British measures remain unchanged for the moment, the Government is proposing in the Bill to abolish the scruple, an apothecaries' weight. Five units of capacity will also be forbidden for trade use: the metric ton, the bushel, the peck, the fluid drachm and the minim.

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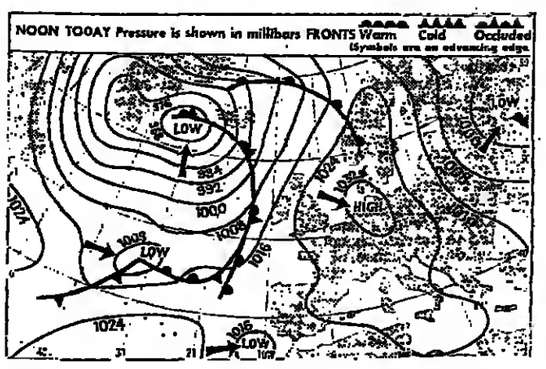
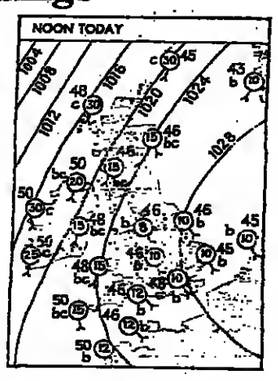
Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 6.41 am. Sun sets: 5.45 pm
Moon rises: 7.12 am. Moon sets: 8.46 pm
First quarter: March 9.
Lighting up: 6.15 pm to 6.9 am.
High water: London Bridge, 3.9 am, 7.2m (23.7ft); 3.31 pm, 7.3m (23.8ft). Avonmouth, 8.41 am, 13.3m (43.6ft); 8.54 pm, 13.1m (42.9ft). Dover, 12.13 am, 6.8m (22.4ft); 12.28 pm, 6.6m (21.7ft). Hull, 7.35 am, 7.1m (23.2ft); 7.35 pm, 7.2m (23.7ft). Liverpool, 12.25 am, 8.9m (29.3ft); 12.38 pm, 9.2m (30.2ft).

Pressure will remain low to NW and high to E of the British Isles.
Forecast for 6 am to midnight:
London, East Anglia, SE, central S, E, central N, NE England: Frost in many places at first, becoming dry and sunny; wind S, light; max temp 11°C (52°F).
Channel Islands, Wales, NW SW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Slight frost in some inland areas at first, otherwise dry with sunny periods; wind S, light or moderate; max temp 11°C (52°F).
Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Moray Firth: Rather cloudy but dry, with clear or sunny intervals; wind S, moderate or fresh; max temp 10°C (50°F).
SW, NW Scotland, N Ireland, Argyll, central Highlands: Mostly cloudy, occasional light rain in places, bright intervals; wind S, fresh or strong; max temp 10°C (50°F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mostly dry with sunny spells after night frost and fog patches, occasional drizzle in NW; mild generally.
Sea passages: North Sea: Wind SE, moderate; sea slight.
Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SE, moderate or fresh; sea slight to moderate.
St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind S, fresh; sea moderate.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max. 6 am to 6 pm, 11°C (52°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 3°C (37°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 62 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 8.4 hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,030.4 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; s, sun; sl, sleet; sn, snow.

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Algiers	c	19	66	Belfast	s	7	45	Lisbon	s	16	61	Nice	f	13	57
Amsterdam	s	8	46	Cologne	c	9	48	London	s	10	50	Oslo	s	5	41
Athens	c	16	61	Copenhagen	s	6	43	Luxembourg	s	7	45	Paris	f	10	50
Barcelona	s	13	55	Dublin	s	9	48	Madrid	f	10	50	Reykjavik	d	1	34
Belfast	s	12	54	Edinburgh	f	8	46	Majorca	s	11	52	Rome	f	14	57
Belgrade	f	7	45	Funchal	f	17	63	Malta	s	15	59	Stockholm	s	5	41
Berlin	f	7	45	Geneva	s	10	50	Montreal	c	-14	7	Toronto	c	-7	19
Bermuda	c	23	73	Gibraltar	c	15	59	Miami	f	27	81	Tunis	fog	9	48
Boulogne	s	11	52	Guernsey	f	12	54	Moscow	sn	1	34	Vienna	s	11	52
Birmingham	s	8	46	Helsinki	sn	0	32	Munich	s	9	48	Warsaw	c	5	41
Bristol	s	8	46	Innsbruck	c	12	54	Naples	f	13	55	Zurich	s	10	50
Brussels	s	7	45	Jersey	f	9	48								

Overseas selling prices
Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, Btr 11; Canaries, Pes 40; Denmark, Dkr 5.75; Holland, Fdl 3.50; France, Frs 2.50; Germany, Dm 3.00; Greece, Dr 35; Holland, Dfl 3.75; Italy, Lire 350; Luxembourg, Lfr 50; Madeira, Esc 17.50; Malta, 7c; Norway, Kr 4.00; Portugal, Esc 20; Spain, Pes 30; Sweden, Skr 3.70; Switzerland, Sfr 2.50; USA, Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 20.

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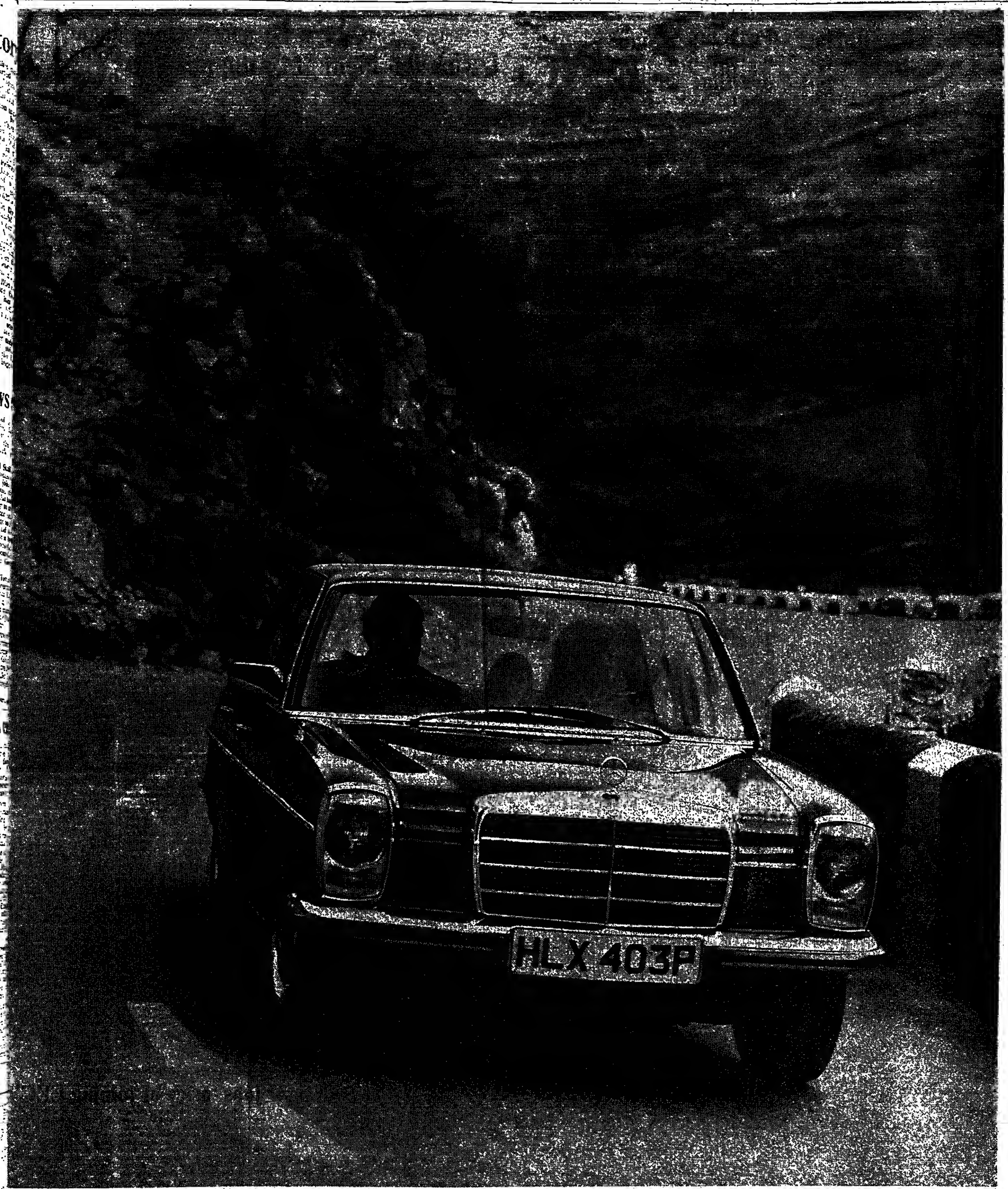

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HOME NEWS

Education legislation would not stop 'banding' immediately

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondeot

Education anthorities that divide pupils into "bands" of ability to ensure a wide range of ability in their comprehensive schools will be able to do so for several years after the Education Bill becomes law.

Although the Bill makes "banding" illegal, Mr Fowler, Minister of State for Edncatioo aod Science, made clear yesterday that the system would not he stopped immediately.

He was asked during the committee stage whether the Government proposed to prevent sixth form colleges from eelecting pupils.

He replied: "We sbould not any longer wisb to see the development of further such selective sixth form college schemes. We recognize that where sucb schemes exist it may be some years before they can move to a different system. We do not want a total comprehensive system overnight up and down the country."

Afterwards Mr Fowler told me that the Government would take the same attitude with the Inner London Education Authority and some of the other authorities (about six) that use the banding system.

Mr Fowler told the committee that most sixth form colleges ha da broadly comprehensive intake, and did not take only students who wished to study for "A" level examinations.

He said the intention of the Bill was nor to set np one large sixth form college in each town. There was nothing in it to prevent several sixth form colleges from specializing in certain subjects in a large city.

Mr Fowler went on: "We have never suggested that there cannot he a separation between courses and pupils of this age. We have suggested that there should be institotional amalgamation in the sense that we should oot have institutions which are selective in their intake."

The Department of Education and Science says that only four of the 64 sixth form colleges select pupils.

It is not certain how Mr Clement Freud, Liberal MP for the Isle of Ely and his party's spokesman on edncation, would note in the unlikely but not impossible event of his having the casting vote io the committee, which comprises 11 Labour members, nine Conservatives and himself.

Last week Mr Freud told the committee that because of the cuts in public expenditure his party could no longer support the forcad amalgamation of unwilling schools into the comprehensive system.

But yesterday, his opposition to selection was as stroog as ever, particularly over the 1S per cam selection system operated by the education authority covering his own constituency. He said, however, that authorities should have some flexibility, and pointed out that there was already a measure of selection for pupils who went to special schools for the handicapped, music and dancing.

Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced in a parliamentary answer the names of 40 local education authorities that are expected to have completed reorganization by September. They are:

Barking, Barnsley, Bedfordshire, *Birmingham, Brent, *Cleveland, Coventry, *Croydon, Dudley, Ealing, *Enfield, †*Gateshead, Haringey, Harrow, *Havering, Hounslow, †Isles of Scilly, †Isle of Wight, †Knowsley, *Leeds, *Manchester, Merton, †*Newcastle upon Tyne, Newham, Northamptonshire, †Oldham, Oxfordshire, *Richmond upon Thames, †*Rochdale, †Rotherham, *St Helens, †*Salford, Sandwell, †*Sheffield, †Solihull, Sunderland, *Tameside, Waltham Forest, North, †*Walsall.

[†All comprehensive schools in these areas are coeducational. *Likely to have some voluntary schools still operating on a selective basis.]

Public schools: Mr Mulley said in a parliamentary answer that when the reports of the Goodman committee on the law of charity and the Layfield committee on local authority finance were available he would consider with other ministers what action should he taken to withdraw the fiscal benefits of charitable status from public schools (nur Political Staff writes).

Pit ballot on ending overtime ban

By Our Labour Editor

Miners are voting in a secret pithead ballot today and tomorrow oo their leaders' abandoonment of a national overtime han mounted in protest at the proposed closure of Langwith colliery, Derbyshire.

They are being asked by the executive of the National Union of Mineworkers to endorse a decision to end the action after only four days in the light of widespread dissatisfaction over the ban. A good majority in favour of the leadership's view is expected when the result ie announced officially next week.

The Yorkshire area council of the union yesterday voted to ask for the resignation of Mr Joseph Gormley, the national president. The move was opposed by area officials including Mr Arthur Scargill, the left-wing president, who are none the less urging the man to reject the executive's plea for endorsement.

The move to seek Mr Gormley's resignation [he is elected for life] comes after criticism of his handling of the proposed closure of the colliery by the coal board.

He bas assured members in *The Miner*, the union journal, that it will still oppose pit closures.

Union calls for changes in Cabinet policies

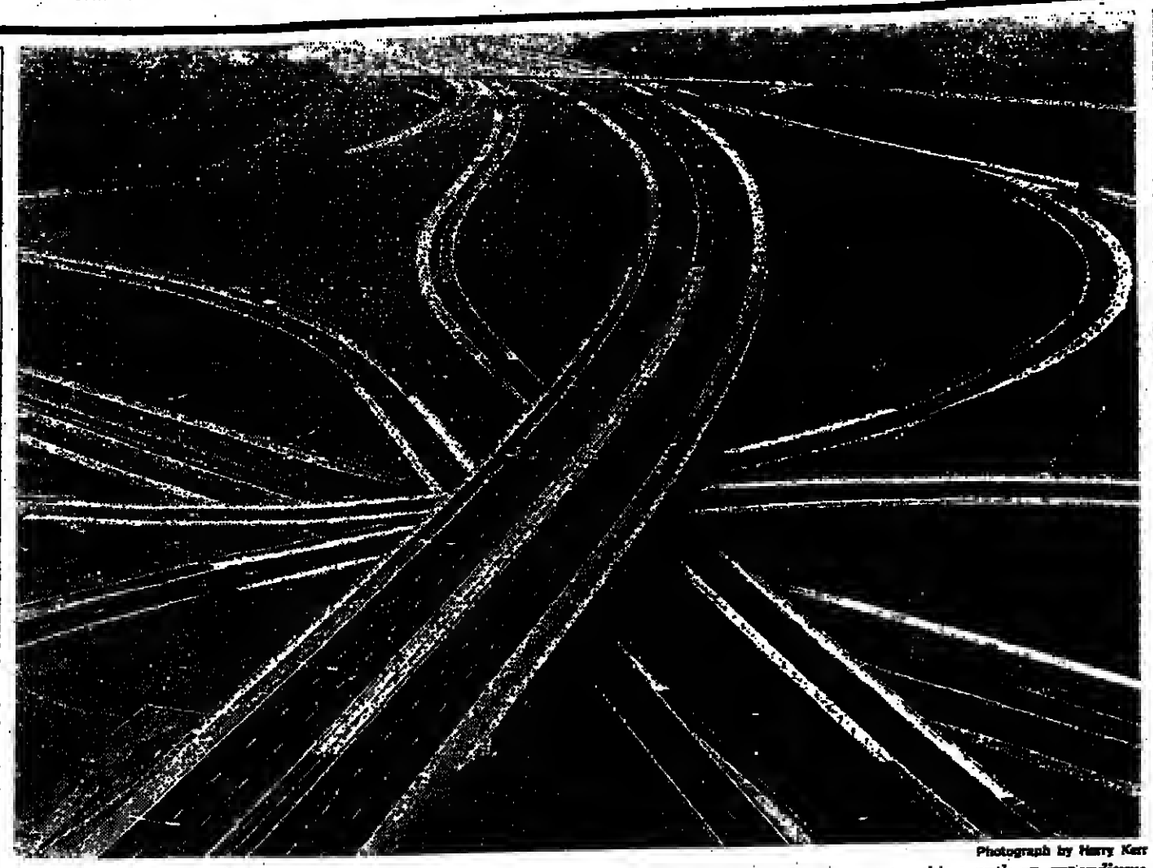
By Our Labour Editor

TUC leaders yesterday came under fresh pressure from the 560,000-member National Union of Public Employees, whose policies for the health service bave had some success, to alter course on employment and economic strategy.

The union's national executive bas told the TUC that unless tha Government is made to change its policies the number of unemployed might rise to between 1,750,000 and two million by next winter.

The union goes much farther than the TUC in its attitude to the proposed curbs on public expenditure, describing the White Paper oo expenditure as "a serious and long-lasting blow to the living standards of working-class families".

The union's executive said in a statement: "The decisioo to cut back subsidies on food and housing and to increase the price of school meals will drive up the cost of living. By prolooging the very effects of inflation it is seeking trade union assistance to overcome, the Government is placing a further straio on its relationships with the trade unioo movement."



Photograph by Harry Kerr

Roads to nowhere: Nestling below the *North Downs* near Merstham, Surrey, is a brand new "spaghetti junction", the interchanga of the M23 Loodon-Brighton and the M25 South Orbital motorways, photographed above (our Planning Reporter writes). That at least was the intention, spoilt ooly by the fact that the M23 (centre) goes to neither London nor Brighton, nor is ever likaly to, while the section of the M25 in question, running across the hottom, extends a mere seven miles between Reigate Hill and Godstone.

Even the road lobby is beginning to question tbe wisdom of spending huge sums on bits and pieces of motorway that lead nowhere. The main complaint is not that the Government has reduced expenditure on roads (tbat was long ago foreseen as ioevitable) but that the programme is not flexible enough. When money is short, it is said, each project is postponed for a few months or possibly years, and there is no attemot to redefine priorities.

The Department of the Environment has undertaken to produce a consultative document later this month on expenditure on transport.

One of the questions it may well raise is whether money should continue to be spent on grandiose and inevitably slow and cumbersome motorway projects, or concentrated on bringing more rapid relief to the most congested areas. In view of the urgent need to divert through traffic away from central London, road campaigners on both sides might for once discover some common ground.

Inquiry i complair over doc sought

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'Cure of during suspensi

A doctor claimed found a cure for r arthritis and offered while he was susper the medical registe alleged yesterday.

Dr Roger Wybur formerly consultant p Hounslow Hospital, had written to a v Houston, Texas, sa would have to come n and pay him $1,000 fo the Disciplinary Com the General Medica was told.

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More funds available to fight illiteracy

By Our Education Correspondent

The Government will continue to make funds available over the next two years for the campaigo to teach more thao two million adult Illiterates to read and write, Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said io a parliamentary reply yesterday.

The money will be paid to the Adult Literacy Resource Ageocy, which was set up last year by the National Institute of Adult Educatioo to distribute a £1m grant from the Government.

The amount of further money has not been announced, but it is expected to be at least another £1m for the next year.

'Police tactics right in Herrema case'

Eddie Gallagher, one of the defendants in the Herrema trial, was said at the Special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday to bave complimented the police after his capture last November.

He told an inspector that the police tactics were right and if they had raided him in the first few days he would have shot Dr Herrema, it was stated.

Det Inspector John Courtnay was reporting a conversation he had with Mr Gallagher in Dublin the day after a prolonged police and army siege of a council house at Mooasterevin had ended in the release of Dr Tiede Herrema and the surrender of Mr Gallagher and Marian Coyle.

Mr Courtnay said: "Gallagher told me he was surprised we found him and said it was good work on our part. He said he was glad it was all over. It had been a gamble that did not pay off."

"He said that if the police bad rusbed him in the first few days he would have shot Dr Herrema and himself, and Marian Coyle would probably have got out safely.

"He was glad that did not happen. He told me be got oo well with Dr Herrema and had given bim papers and books to read and said he played chess. He said he would not give in because he though public opinion would sway over to his side, hut added that he had been wrong."

Mr Courtnay said Mr Gallagher had told him that he was the father of Miss Rose Dugdale's child. The child, aged 14 months, was carried into the court gallery before the start of yesterday afternoon's session.

Mr Gallagher, aged 27, and Miss Coyle, aged 21, face a total of 19 charges over the kidnapping of Dr Herrema, aged 53, a Dutch industrialist, from Limerick last October.

Det Constable Thomas Dunne said Miss Coyle was hostile when the police tried to interview her after the siege. She had asked: "Who are you, are you English Special Branch with Irish accents?"

The detective's evidence prompted Miss Coyle to ask him: "How are you getting paid for doing British intelligence work?" He replied: "I do not do British intelligence work."

Two other men, Brian McGowan, aged 20, and John Vincent Walsh, aged 26, both of Tullamore, co Offaly, have denied four charges each in connexion with the kidnapping.

The trial continues today.

Prospect of cheaper package holidays

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Many travel companies are expected to provide cheaper package holidays as a result of a significant decision announced yesterday by Mr Shore, Secretary of State for Trade.

The holidays are those in which the traveller buys an inclusive tour embracing air travel in each direction and vouchers for accommodation in different places. In the ordinary arrangement, accommodation is in hotels, usually at one or two places only.

The new idea was pioneered by Britannia Airways and Thomson Holidays with their "Wanderer" scheme, under which vouchers are exchangeable for basic accommodation at small hotels and hostels.

British Airways appealed against the Britannia scheme, asking the Civil Aviation Authority to attach additional conditions affecting the accommodation part of the package to their inclusive tour licence.

The state airline wanted a ruling that accommodation should be booked in advance, prepaid by the tour operator, and be of a reasonable standard at a realistic price.

British Airways submitted that "Wanderer" holidays were a misuse of an inclusive tour licence and would damage scheduled services if they spread beyond the original destinations in Greece.

After the hearing the Civil Aviation Authority ruled against British Airways, which then appealed to the minister. Mr Shore yesterday upheld the CAA's decision, saying in his judgment: "On the evidence produced in this case, diversion in the near future seemed likely to be negligible and certainly not sufficient to justify a radical redefinition of an inclusive tour."

British Airways and British Midland Airways applied to the CAA yesterday for increases in fares between London and Belfast from May 1. The first-class single fare would rise from £34 to £37, and the tourist-class single fare from £23 to £25.

The airline has also applied for a weekend shuttle stand-by single fare of £14 between London and Glasgow, and London and Edinburgh.

Policy of NUJ 'depressingly clear'

By our Labour Staff

The Institute of Journalists said yesterday that action against four of its members at Barnsley, South Yorkshire, by the National Union of Journalists made "depressingly clear" that the NUJ would do anything to secure total membership.

Barnsley branch of the union has asked local labour groups not to cooperate with the four, employed by the *Barnsley Chronicle*. Three of them left the TUC-affiliated union in December and joined the non-TUC institute. The fourth bas been a union member for 16 months.

Mr Robert Farmer, general secretary of the institute, said the decision of the union executive to support the action of Barnsley branch came as no surprise. He expected other union branches to follow the Barnsley example. The institute claims to have 2,500 members and the union has about 28,000.

Mr Jack Brown, a prominent member of Barnsley Trades Council and a leading local figure in the Labour movement, said the request for non-cooperation with the journalists was agreed unanimously at the last monthly meeting of the trades council.

A statement given earlier to one of the journalists about a local rate rise was withdrawn after the decision.

Three of the journalists are sub-editors, one a reporter. Two days ago the reporter, Mr Clement Newham, covered a press conference given by the National Union of Mineworkers, attended by the Yorkshire miners president, Mr Scargill. The NUM, one of the organizations asked to adopt a policy of non-cooperation, has "noted" the request.

Aircraft workers protest

By a Staff Reporter

About 700 British Aircraft Corporation workers, many of them involved in the production of the Concorde, demonstrated in London yesterday against plans to scrap 2,400 jobs at four of the corporation's factories by May 1.

The workers, from factories at Filton, Bristol; Weybridge, Surrey; Hurn, near Bournemouth; and Fairford, Gloucestershire, held a rally in Hyde Park before marching to Westminster to lobby MPs, among them Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy and MP for Bristol, South-east.

Delegations met officials at the Department of Industry, the Department of Employment and Labour Party headquarters. In a letter to the Prime Minister handed in at 10 Downing Street, the workers pointed out that the aircraft industry was soon to be taken into public ownership, and suggested that it might take a long time to reassemble "such a viable productive force" if the existing labour force was drastically cut.

Paintings found in bin

Four oil paintings, valued at £3,000, stolen from a Londoo house four years ago, have baen found by a policeman in a lay-by waste-bin on the A40 Camarthen to St Clears road in Dyfed.

Father tried to sell baby who cried, prosecution says

From Our Correspondent
Leeds

A father tried to sell his daughter, aged five months, because of her continual crying and later killed her, it was alleged at Leeds Crown Court yesterday.

Roy Hooper, aged 23, an unemployed miner, and his wife, Eileen, aged 20, were said to have battered their daughter, Toni, to death because of her crying.

In an alleged statement to the police, Mr Hooper, of Rosebank, caravan site, Misterton, Retford, Nottinghamshire, is said to have admitted punching the child on the face and chest and squeezing her round the throat.

The jury was told that when the couple took the child to hospital she was virtually dead. Her gasps for breath stopped after three days and her breathing machine was turned off and she died, the prosecution said.

Mr Hooper pleaded not guilty to charges of murder and causing grievous bodily harm with intent. His wife pleaded not guilty to grievous bodily harm with intent and cruelty.

Mr Alan de Piro, QC, for the prosecution, said that when the family lived at Armthorpe, near Doncaster, a woman neighbour asked to look after Toni for the day and Mr Hooper said she could "have her for good for £100".

The trial continues today.

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Landowners in last-ditch compromise

By Hugh Clayton

Landowners said yesterday that they would consider ways of holding land in which the power of the individual owner would be reduced. Their idea was to satisfy a public call for changes in the structure of landholding without surrendering to demands for the natiooalizatioo of farmland.

Mr Jobn Quicke, president of tha Country Landowners' Association, said a working party bad been set up to examine "forms in which ownership by the private individual is diluted but with the benefits of private control being retained". They might include partnerships with financial or academic institutious and charitable trusts.

The association, which represents 40,000 landowners, recognized that the structure of ownership was not immutable. Its main aim was to avoid a state takeover and the fragmentation of estates by capital taxation.

"Things are looking rather had for ownership at the moment", Mr Quicke said. "We have to guide whatever change there will be in directions in which it will do as little damage as possible." He was introducing a discussion paper published hy the associatioo about the future of laod ownership.

The paper said that demands from "the left" for restriction of ownership sbould be challenged. It did not think that Conservative governments understood the difficulties of the landowner fully.

The association must seek "the ground which offers the best chance of landowners coming through with the least damage possible, while the concept of private ownership is readjusted to make it less vulnerable to future political attack". *The Future of Ownership* (Country Landowners' Association, 50p).

1,500 sugar jobs 'price of joining EEC

By Our Agricultural Correspondant

Sugar beet processers said yesterday that the loss of more than 1,500 jobs in the cane industry would be the inevitable result of EEC membership. Mr Jobn Beckett, chief executive of the British Sugar Corporation, which buys all beet grown in Britain, said that unions in the cane sector were "hitting out wildly and emotionally" to protect jobs.

He was commenting on the unions' appeal to Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, to halt the four-yaar expansion programme planned by the corporation at a cost of £100m. He said reduction of cane supplies and the consequant loss of jobs were an inevitable result of EEC policy.

The expansion planned by the corporation would proceed, but would create no extra jobs. If ministers interfered with expansion the British sugar industry would become inefficient and its prices would rise.

Mr Beckett called f ing, with generous per voluntary redundancy cane workers. If the ment accepted the d Britain would have duck sugar industry ing prices and soari imports".

If the Government tamper with the best an imminent surplus o sugar in the EEC m to price cuts next yea Sugar was already the in Europe.

Beswick participation in 'Ampthill farce' criticized

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Lord Beswick, chairman-designate of the British Aerospace Corporatinn, was criticized yesterday by Conservative MPs for taking part io consideration by the House of Lords' Committee of Privileges last week of the case of the Ampthill succession.

Mr Heseltine, chief opposition spokesman on industry, raised the issue in the Commons standing committee considering the Aircraft aod Shipbuilding Industries Bill, which will set up the corporation when the iodustry is oationalized.

Lord Beswick, Mr Heseltine said, had been dragged from semi-retirement as a minister of state to do "one of the toughest managerial jobs io ooe of the roughest commercial climates in the world. For aoy oian it was more than a total commitment."

Months after Lord Beswick's appointmeot, "greeted with universal dismay hy management and unions alike", Mr Heseltine continued, "he has no steering committee, oo plans and no presence. He is unseeo and unseeing.

"That was until last week. While the natioo focused its attention on the biological minutiae of yesteryear's heroines oone focused harder thao the noble Lord.

"The French could fight for our aircraft markets, the Americaos were out there selling by eevery meaos at their disposal. But the leadership of the British aerospace iodustry was incarcerated in a committee room in the House of Parliament rewriting some bedroom farce of almost indescribable irrelevance to this oatinn. This is a dilettante approach, nauseating humbug."

Changes in BBC religious TV expected

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondeut

Religious programmes for television should be made to the same standards, and judged by the some criteria, as those applied to non-religious programmes, Sir Charles Curran, Director-General of the BBC, said last night. Religious broadcasting had to "speak in the terms of the unconverted majority", otherwise it had to purchase oo a mass audience.

Sir Charles, who was speaking at the Catholic Radio and Televisioo Centre where he was preseodog awards given by the Seville interoational festival of religious broadcasting, said it was not enough to have a moral claim on people's attention. They had to be persuaded to give it.

"So when people ask how it is that religious broadcasting no longer seems to proclaim the faith as assertively as they would wish, the explanation must be that mere proclamation by itself does not arouse interest. It is the spirit of conversation that attracts sympathy, because it implies that the listener may have something to contribute as well."

Sir Charles's remarks were being examined with more than usual interest in religious broadcasting circles last night, as it is known that changes in the format of BBC religious television are likely to emerge. There have been signs of opposition to those changes, particularly among those influotial churchmen who regard the present religious broadcasting arrangements as sacrosanct.

Sir Charles himself is known to believe that religion is one of o number of subjects that deserve certain privileges io programme schedules. That belief led to the continuatioo of the so-called "closed period" on Sundays, when only religious programmes are shown, eveo after the [illegible] obligation to do so had b[illegible] repealed.

The Central Religious Advisory Committee (CRAC) which links the churches and broadcasting authorities, is considering proposals for greater flexibility in the timing of programmes. The argument has been focused on the suggestion that the BBC's successful *Anno Domini* news magazine programme should be shown at a later time on Sunday evenings, where it would be likely to attract a larger and more open-minded audience.

The members of Crac, who are representatives of all the main churches bave agreed among themselves that flexibility would act as a stimulant to religious broadcasting departments. Crac is therefore expected to approve the proposed change in the timing of *Anno Domini*.

Critics of the idea point to the embarrassment that that would cause the IBA, which also observes the traditioond closed period, if the BBC broadcasts mass appeal cotertainment programmes.

'Workshy' blackmailed his mother

David Carn, aged employed, was jailed Central Criminal Cour day for 18 months f mailing his mother an ber life a misery. He guilty ru making unw demands with menaces mother, Mrs Ivy Carn,

The court was told Carn, of Hackney Rna ditch, Loodon, has bee ployed since October. 1 lived on social secur ments. His wife goes work.

Mr Victor Temple prosecution, said Mr C workshy. He had been suspended prison sent the Central Criminal C 1973 for blackmaili mother. Last year it again. He took money f constantly. If she remon he twisted her arm or made her hand over sums.

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ew X-ray telescope ay throw light on olution of universe

rce Wright
Editor

ew type of telescope d to reveal details of events in stars and s that are baffling as ters was demonstrated first time yesterday at sity College London.

loped by the college's d Space Science Labor- it provides maps of stars ave been found recently t rays and to be asso- with fascinating objects as pulsars and black

Detection can be made by instruments carried the Earth because X-rays bsorbed by the upper here.

paring existing instru- foe detecting X-ray s in the sky and the new ent, Dr Michael Cruise h assistant at the labora- aid: "The difference is at of a blurred out-of- picture taken by a box an dthat taken by a pro- al with e single-lens ".

new apparatus, describ- "an X-ray imaging tele- connected to an X-ray ion camers", focusses guals it receives with a mirror on to a special f recording plate. Images d oo the plate are mea- electronically and d to the Earth for dis- o television tubes.

more than eight years astronomy research s in the United Kingdom, United States and elsewhera have been trying to perfect this type of X-ray telescope and camera. Indeed, the gold mirror for the first one to be launched next month by a Skylark rocket from Woomera, Australia, comes from the Marshall Space Flight Centre of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration of America.

The mirror, costing $1m, has been polished by a method perfected by the National Physical Laboratory, Teddington Middlesex.

The Skylark rocket with this equipment will look at Puppis-A, one of the brightest supernova in pur galaxy created by the explosion of a star four thousand years ago.

Details of the work at University College are being exchanged with American colleagues. It is hoped that the X-ray telescope will become the forerunner to a generation of equipment to be carried on the shuttle series of manned scientific spacecraft planned by the Americans.

Study of X-ray sources has become a crucial part of investigations into the evolution of the universe. Stars such as Puppis-A explode to create a shockwave of gas expanding outwards and a dense star left near the site of the original body. The gases expanding outwards agitate dust particles in space to create areas with themperatures between a million and more than 10 million degrees centigrade.

Five jailed after a confession by informer

Five men were jailed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday after the confession of Maurice O'Mahoney, a former accomplice turned informer. They were arrested and charged after statements mada by Mr O'Mahoney, now serving five years' imprisonment for more than a hundred crimes.

Judge Jones, the Common Serjeant, said that if Sir Carl Aarvold, the Recorder, had known more about the robberies when sentencing Mr O'Mahoney, he would probably have imposed a longer term.

He said he accepted that Mr O'Mahoney's bebaviour was worse than those he was sentencing, and added: "O'Mahoney did service to society by making a clean breast of everything and by giving the names of you and those who had committed robberies with him."

Sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment were Frank Mayhew, aged 33, of Disbro wRoad, Fulham, Robert Henderson, aged 31, also of Disbrow Road, and Thomas Weston, aged 43, of Cleveland Square, Bayswater. Douglas Roworth, aged 36, of Bush Court, Shepherds Bush, was to 12 years, and Alvert Huzzey, of Essex Road, Acton, received seven years.

The robberies involved a wages snatch at Greenford, Middlesex, robbery at a housa at Radlett, Hertfordshire, attempted robbery at a Battersea warehouse, and the theft of watches from a Clerkenwell jeweller.

Survey suggests that community relations are better

Most whites 'favour race law'

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondeot

With the Race Relations Bill coming up for second reading in the Commons tomorrow, the Community Relations Commission yesterday published the results of a survey suggesting that a small majority of white people favour legisletion.

A report by National Opinion Polls says that 52 per cent thought the law should be strengthened to prevent discrimination on the basis of colour. The corresponding figure for the coloured popnlation was 67 per cent.

Mr Mark Bonham Carter, chairman of the commissioo, said: "Ona gets the feeling that politicians need not be too apprehensiva about positive measures. When some opposed to such measures say they speak for the silent majority, that is incorrect on the basis of this report. They speak for a vociferous minority."

Detailed interviews were cooducted with aboot a thoosand whites and a thousand "coloured" people in England during 1974 and 1975.

In 1959, 16 per cent of a sample thought that feelings between whites and coloured people were getting better, compared with 32 per cent in the new survey. Those who thought that feelings were getting worse fell in the sama period from 44 per cent to 20 per cent.

The two samples were asked: "Generally, do you think people coming to live in this country should adopt the customs existing here, or should they cootinue to live with their own customs and way of life?"

The report says: "The white sampla wanted newcomers to adapt. Sixty-two per cent said 'adopt English customs' and 21 per cent said 'some modification'. Only 14 per cent said 'keep their own customs'. The 'coloured' sample's opioions were not so very differeot. Only 20 per cent said 'keep their own customs' while 37 per cent said 'some modification' and 39 per cent said "adopt English customs'. However, a higher percentage of the 'coloured' 16-24-year-olds (28 per ceot) 'keep their own customs'. West Indians were considerably more in favour of adopting Eoglish customs (55 per cent) than Asians (29 per cent)....

"Another qnestion put the issue more squarely: 'Overall, do you think it beter if people of *different* races all live together in the same area, or if people of each race live io their own separate areas?'

"The vast majority of the 'coloured' sample said they wished to integrate rather than segregate, compared with just over half the white sample." A third of the white sample said living apart was preferable to living together, but it "was noniceable that young white people were more in favour of living together (75 per cent) than their elders".

Some of my Best Friends . . . : A report on race relations attitudes (Community Relations Commission, 45p).

Second chance for children

A call for more initiatives from further education bodies to give a second chance to childreo of West Indian and Asian origin was made yesterday by the Community Relations Commissioo.

Dr Alan Little, head of the reference and technical services division, said the educarioonal performance of those childreo, and particularly of those of West Indian origin, was lower than that of the indigenous population and even of poor whites.

He was introducing a report that emphasizes the need to give first priority to dealing with the inequality faced by ethnic minorities in educarion, in the job market, in trying to train as professionals.

Dr Little said many black youngsters were leaving school oot equipped for employment in a shrioking labour market in which they faced discriminaioo.

"You have a lot of disappointed, depressed people", he said. He agreed that black youngsters born here were in revolt against the shift work that their fathers did as immigrants.

A Second Chance: Further Education in Multiracial Areas (Community Relations Commission. £1.35).

Fife Region announces 9 per cent rate rise

Fife Regional Council, which is Labour controlled, yesterday announced a 9 per cent increase in the domesric rate. The two large districts of Kirkcaldy and Dunfermlioe have still to announce their own rates, which will be added to the regional rate, but Mr Alan McLure, finance convener of the region, predicted that the districts would not be announcing large increases.

That means that io the coming fioancial year Fife ratepayers should be paying, at most, only about £1.15 in the pound, takiog both region aod district rates together. The regional rate will go up from 86p to 93p; the domestic water rate will stay at 8p.

Mr McLure admitted that the region bad exceeded the Government's expenditure guideline of £50m by £1.26m. But he announced reductions of a fifth in the amount allocated to the maintenance of buildings and a quarter oo printing, post, telephones and so on; a drastic redncrion in the amount to be speot on courses and conferences; and a cut of two-fifths in expenditure on informal educarion.

Northampton rise: Northamptoo Borough Council announced that its rates are to be increased by 11.7 per ceot. When they are added to county council and Anglian Water Authority charges, ratepayers will face a total lavy of 97.5p io the pound, an overall increase of 18.8 per cent.

In brief

Thatcher speech 'an insult'

The Conservative policy of seeking an accommodatioo with the unions was an insult to the intelligence and blatant alectioneering, Mr John Grant, Parliamentary Secretary for Overseas Development, said yesterday (our Political Staff writes).

He told a group of union officials at Cudham Hall, Kent, "Mrs Thatcher's union love-in is not far short of political pornography".

Scotland's legal system inquiry

The Prime Minister anoounced yesterday a royal commission of inquiry into the Scottish legal profession and court system. The membership will be published leter.

Mr Wilson has also extended the Royal Commissioo for England and Wales announced on February 12 to cover the legal profession in Northern Ireland. Ooe Northern Ireland member will be added to the commission.

Church to be arcade

St Michael's Church, Stamford, Lincolnshire, built in 1836, is to be turned into a shopping arcade with 10 shops on each side. The upper gallery will become a restaurant.

Boy accused of murder

A hoy, aged 13, accused of the murder of a girl of 19 was sent for trial at Nottingham Crown Court by magistrates at Mansfield yesterday.

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or Arts Reporter
lational Council for Drama ing is to be set up along nes recommended in the nkian Foundation report, *on the Stage*, last mber.

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e council is expected to st of six representatives from Equity, the employers atres' National Committee, and independent television anies) and the conference rama schools, as well as vers from the Department lucation and Science, local rity associations, the ing Services Agency, edu- establishments with an st in drama other than schools, and the Arts. il.

fessor Vaizey said he l be acting chairman until ppointmeot of an indepen- chairman; the council is ted to be set up in the g. It will concern itself the recognition of drama ols, the size of the training r, financial support for ing, and in-service training.

Toledo name dropped in reshuffle

By Peter Waymark
Motoring Correspondent

In a rationalization of the Triumph small car range, announced today by Leyland Cars, all models will carry the name Dolomite and use the present Dolomite hodyshell. The Toledo name and bodyshell are being dropped but the engine will power a new model, the Dolomite 1300.

The Triumph 1500 TC is replaced by a Dolomite 1500 in basic and HL (high line) versions, giving a choice of trim levels. The present Dolomite becomes the 1850 HL, while the two-litre Dolomite Sprint continues under the same name.

The new range will be introduced during the next few months, the larger-engined cars reaching dealers almost at once and the Dolomite 1300 replacing the Toledo between May and June. Leyland hopes the changes will reduce production costs.

Equipment has been improved, with head restraints, laminated windscreen, and radio aerials and speakers becoming standard. The smaller-engined cars are fitted with the Dolomite front suspension to improve ride and handling.

Despite the changes in specification, prices have not been increased.

love to close schools' own V service in Glasgow

enneth Gosling
rathclyde District Council be asked today to approve closure of Glasgow's closed it television service to ols from June. The move, cted to save £150,000 in coming year, has caused objectioos, including a ioo bearing three thou- teachers' signatures. ctors include Dr Kenneth hen, chairman of the nal Educational Closed it Television Association.

said yesterday that the m, which is carried by through old tramway , was famous as a pionaer cal authority educational isioo. It was introduced 11 ago, when Glasgow had a e shortage of teachers.

is now argued that there oore teachers and, as Glas- is only part of Strath- , it would be too costly to d the system throughout egion.

icials of the service say it l cost £60,000 to close, hat they produce 130 pro- mes a year, against the combined output of BBC and independent television for the Scottish syllabus of only six. They also say that £3m of public mooey has already been spent.

Another battle to save a local television service is under way at Swindon, where the nation'a only local television station has been financed by EMI since October, 1972.

EMI said it would finance Swindon Viewpoint until next July, the termination date of its original licence, although it has since been extended for three years.

Sixty-two local organizations signed a petition to the Government and the Annan committee earlier this year, recommending that the service should enter a aecond stage, financed by a consortium of national and local government and other sources.

The Home Office has said it hopes alternative finance can be found but details have to be agreed. It is hoped that half the annual running costs of £60,000 will come from local industry.

Keith urges her uncil rents

e raising of council house towards e market level crucial to housing sanity, Keith Joseph, the Shadow net's chief policy adviser, in an article published rday.

riting in the *National ler*, the journal of the nal Federation of Building es' Employers, be said be ved the need to cut public ding would in any case the Labour Government to council rents.

s long as local authority are subsidized by tax- rs and ratepayers to the t they are, taxation will in excessive, and the al desire of many people wn their own houses will unted because they have a euthority bargain."

e raisiog of rents would late much more building wner-occupation and more ing of sheltered accommo- n, but overall less building cooncils because private opers "do it better, do it cheaply and there are social problems".

Daughters given doped ice cream

Roy Jones, aged 34, who gave his two small daughters drugged ice cream after his wife had left him for another man, was given a two-year jail sentence, suspended for two years, at tha Central Criminal Court yesterday for attempting to murder them.

Mr Jooes, of Palewell Road, St Paul's Cray, Kent, was told by Mr Justice Croom-Johnson that he hoped the Family Division would not deny him access to the children.

Priests tackled drunken robber

Two Roman Catholic priests tackled a drunken armed Irish robber at their home, it was stated at St Albans Crown Court, Hertfordshire, yesterday. One of them chased him around a bedroom and down soma stairs and burled a flowerpot at him.

Noel Kelliher, aged 24, pleaded guilty to robbery, wounding Father Patrick Bailey and assaulting Father William Hnghes. He was jailed for thraa years.

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Charter on press freedom stays in trade union Bill but Lord Goodman considers it a menace

House of Lords

On the report stage of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill,

Lord Goodman moved an amendment to leave out the clause providing for a charter on the freedom of the press.

He said that when the subject was last debated in the House he was to receive from the Government an indication whether his suggestion was acceptable—that they should delete the provision that in the event of failure to negotiate a charter by agreement between the parties it would be imposed by the Secretary of State for Employment (Mr Michael Foot).

Peers who agreed with him took the view that it was an historic enormity that in a country where liberty of speech had been in the forefront of living standards for centuries they should arrive at a situation where rules for the regulation of the press should in detail be imposed by governmental ministers and by the Government. This they regarded as an intolerable situation and one which should be resisted at all costs.

He was not apologetic at having to bring the attention of the House back to the matter. He could think of few matters of higher importance which justified greater attention and expenditure of time. They were dealing with fundamental freedoms.

He had received a reply from the Government that the request for the provision to be deleted was not one to which they could accede.

Trimmings

It was preferred that the charter in toto should be rejected than that they should have a charter containing this provision. There was nothing unconstitutional in their failing to accept suggested amendments that came from the Commons. The provisions relating to the charter, which were an afterthought, were not embodied in the Bill. Peers were entitled to reject the trimmings if they considered those trimmings were unacceptable.

If there was sufficient support to enable him to believe there was a chance of defeating the proposal he would be untrue to many peers and to himself if he did not seize that opportunity.

It should be on record that there was this clear demarcation for those who put industrial relations before the liberty of expression that for many in the House had a much higher priority.

I cannot with my background (he said) alter my priority that there is nothing which could have a higher place in the affairs of the nation than the right of a man who wants to write, or speak, or say something, to do so without interference from other people entitled to interfere by right of law. That is what this issue is about.

There were two unions for journalists, the Institute of Journalists and the National Union of Journalists. The Institute had something like 3,000 members. But the charter, if adopted, would involve the destruction of choice about which to belong to because once a closed shop was achieved, and there was no doubt it could be achieved, none would be able to write for the press if he was not a member of the NUJ.

If anyone was thrown out of the NUJ, there would be no redress of any kind.

Should the Government accept his proposal, both sides of the industry could start immediate negotiations to obtain a genuinely agreed charter. The management and unions had recently reached agreements in the industry on a number of outstanding matters without any threat of Government intervention. The management side would negotiate if the suggestion was removed that a charter could be imposed on them by the Secretary of State.

The charter proposed was dangerous and the Bill would be better without it. I regard this charter (he said) as a menace to the free press.

Resentment

Lord Shepherd, Lord Privy Seal, said he took a deep sense of resentment from the implication of Lord Goodman that only he and those who thought like him on the matter were the guardians of the freedom of the press. (Labour cheers.)

To listen to Lord Goodman was to get the feeling that the Government were seeking to impose themselves and the Secretary of State on the drafting of a charter, whereas nothing was further from the truth.

At the end of last session the Bill was disagreed in two areas—the question of rights and of legal sanctions. It was considered exhaustively in the Commons and was now back with a suggested amendment. Neither of the provisions sought by Lord Goodman were included in the Bill and he had now adopted a different tack—the position of the Secretary of State.

That position would only arise if there was a failure by both sides of the industry to reach agreement, but Lord Goodman had expressed complete confidence that there would be agreement and he was now telling the House that if he could not get the rights and legal sanctions he had earlier sought, he did not want a charter at all. He made his case solely on the position of the Secretary of State.

The House of Lords had given exhaustive consideration to the matter, undertaken much work and made many concessions to Lord Goodman.

I hope the House will take the view (he said) that although the clause perhaps as now before us may not be exactly what we would like to see, it would be better than for there to be no provision at all about the freedom of the press in this Bill, in the light of the anxieties that have been expressed in both Houses, in the press and in the industry itself.

If there was anything that came out of the Royal Commission on the Press that helped in any way to strengthen the freedom of the press then the Government would not hesitate to legislate.

If this needs to be repealed (he said) then it will be repealed.

Humbug

Lord Bradwell said as a journalist for almost half a century he felt Lord Goodman had been keeping what he regarded as the wrong company. Lord Goodman was a spokesman for the Newspaper Proprietors' Association.

I wish (he said) Lord Goodman had spent more time in the company of what we call the fathers of chapels in Fleet Street, the chairmen of the branches of the NUJ, which is, whatever Lord Goodman might say, the only genuine trade union for journalists, the other being more in the nature of what was sometimes called a company union.

A great deal of humbug had been talked about the freedom of the press.

The Daily Telegraph is most ably edited by Mr William Deedes, but does anyone suggest (he went on), does Lord Goodman say, that if Mr Deedes wanted to print an article or something which was possibly not for political reasons but for social reasons, deeply objectionable to Lord Hartwell or his brilliant and gifted wife, Mr Deedes would get away with it? Not for long anyway.

So I do suggest there is an element of humbug in the perfectly sincere and well intentioned amendment of Lord Goodman.

Lord Hartwell—I purely want to ask for the withdrawal of the most offensive innuendo from Lord Bradwell not only about myself but also about my wife.

Mr Deedes had been editor of *The Daily Telegraph* for 14 months and Lord Hartwell had never had occasion to interfere with the policy that the editor had decided on.

There had been discussions. But I never (he said) directed Mr Deedes to write an article with which he does not agree. Nor have I ever done it in the 21 years I have been Editor-in-Chief.

Lord Bradwell's observations about proprietors, I think, are a little out of date if he was referring to Lord Beaverbrook and Lord Northcliffe. No one who is an editor-in-chief would be one unless he had very long experience of journalism. I have been in journalism nearly as long as Lord Bradwell; I have worked on 10 newspapers and I have done every job that there is to be done.

Lord Bradwell—My reference was intended to be perfectly friendly. If it was regarded as offensive innuendo, of course I withdraw it instantly.

Lord Houghton of Sowerby said that without the Secretary of State there was no court of appeal. The beginning of the charter was the feeling on all sides that industrial relations in the newspaper industry were too important to be left entirely to the parties directly concerned.

If there was failure to agree there must be power to revert to some third party. Lord Goodman had not brought forward proposals for the setting up of some tribunal to be responsible for the resolving of differences between the parties.

He was surprised Lord Goodman regarded the Secretary of State as some form of imposition or intervention—as a wicked spirit brought into the scenery of discussion on industrial relations in the newspaper industry. He was there in his ministerial function and because there was nowhere else for the responsibility to go.

The Secretary of State could only intervene in an area in which there was disagreement between the parties. If the charter was thrown out, the Bill would pass into law without it and that would be a great sadness. The industry would be left in the very condition which they had tried to avoid.

Lord Wigoder (L) said Liberal peers were determined that any charter that was produced should give proper protection to the rights of journalists, editors and outside contributors, and the right of the Institute of Journalists to lead its own separate existence.

The House should make it clear that they would not tolerate and approve any form of charter unless it gave essential protection to these fundamental rights.

Lord Wigg (Ind) said there should be a free vote on the issue. Parliament and ministers should keep out of this sphere. Personal freedom should not reside with ministers.

Lord Monson, supporting the amendment, said that in a television programme produced by Lord Chalfont, there was an interview with a prominent member of the National Union of Journalists who gave it as his opinion that the Army and the police force ought to be abolished and replaced by a workers' militia.

Do we (he asked) want to entrust the future of minority unions, and even more important the freedom of the press, to people like this? The influence of extreme leftists in unions is out of all proportion to their actual numbers.

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone said that no constitutional issue between the two Houses arose on this issue. Peers were free to accept the amendment by Lord Goodman or to reject it. The Conservatives felt that peers should vote as they pleased.

Lord Shinwell (Lab) said they should tell the proprietors and their employees, whether editors, sub-editors or just plain common or garden journalists: "Get together and settle this business for yourselves." There should be no legislation of any sort. His advice was: reject the whole thing.

There was not a minister in this or any Government with which I have ever had any connexion—not even himself, whom he would trust to determine what should appear in the newspapers.

Lord Windlesham (C) said that in listening to Lord Goodman moving his amendment they were listening to the authentic tones of individual freedom. The issue, as Lord Goodman said, was one of principle. It was industrial regulation against liberty of expression.

He was not a believer in codes, rules and charters. Once they came into effect, they did not influence behaviour as much as their framers often believed. The only reason for having charters written into legislation was if there was redress.

This was an area which Governments and ministers would do better to avoid. However well intentioned, interventions by ministers were in the end likely to lead to a diminution rather than an increase of individual freedom.

The decision whether to press this amendment to a division was with Lord Goodman. If Lord Goodman decided to divide, he would vote with him.

Lord Hankey said it was important that having gone so far they should accept the arrangement about a charter. It was not something which was going to be imposed, but an encouragement to the industry to arrange one for itself.

In the event of failure to reach agreement it was necessary to think that there ought to be some arbiter. He did not see who it could be other than the Secretary of State. He did not feel all that confidence in him, but it was better than a poke in the eye with a blunt stick. They should not vote for the amendment.

Red herring

Lord Shepherd, Lord Privy Seal, said it was strange that at this last moment this was raised as a great issue on which the freedom of the press depended. A large red herring had been drawn across this matter.

I would be much happier (he said) that these provisions were in the Bill than that we were to pass this Bill, with all the fears that have been genuinely expressed in the past, with no provision at all. That would be a grave error.

Lord Goodman said no civilized country he knew had its press regulated by the Government and by its legislature. It would be a sad day if they decided to introduce that innovation.

They did not want ministerial intervention in relation to the conduct of the press. There was no inconsistency in his attitude.

It would be wrong in view of the support he had received that, whatever the result of the division, he should not have demonstrated in the proper parliamentary way that there were a few of them, and he hoped more than a few, who viewed this proposal with repugnance. The way to express that repugnance was by accompanying him in the lobby.

Lord Goodman's amendment was rejected by 109 votes to 71—Government majority, 38.

The report stage was concluded.

The Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill completed its committee stage.

The Education (Scotland) Bill was read a second time.

House adjourned, 7.6 pm.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill, second reading. Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, second reading.

House of Lords

Today at 2.30: Debate on economic affairs. Debatable question on case on Alderman Dilleigh and Councillor Trusler.

Mr Callaghan warns Rhodesia that time is running sh

House of Commons

The whole situation in Rhodesia would be transformed if Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian leader, were to tell his European followers that the time had come to accept the principle of majority rule and that they intended to enter negotiations for the orderly transfer of power.

This was stated by Mr James Callaghan, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, when he reported to the House on the exploratory visit to Salisbury of Lord Greenhill, the former senior official at the Foreign Office.

He said that Lord Greenhill's mission was to assess whether attitudes had changed to the point where there might be a genuine possibility of the British Government's helping to promote a settlement providing for an early and orderly transfer of power in Rhodesia.

I received Lord Greenhill's report (he went on) over the weekend and discussed it with him yesterday. He did not bring back any constitutional proposals for that was not his purpose. But he did bring back the assessment of attitudes for which I asked and which I am now considering. Let me make clear once again that our objective is an early transition to majority rule by peaceful means.

In the light of what Lord Greenhill has told me I am considering whether there is anything we can usefully do to help achieve this end. These are serious days for Rhodesia and there must be adequate time for consideration. I shall inform the House of my conclusions.

Mr Christopher Tugendhat (City of London and Westminster, South, C)—We appreciate that Mr Callaghan wants to tread carefully, and not to endanger whatever chance of success there may be, but those who play with time are running out of that precious commodity and there is an urgent need for an early move if transition is to be peaceful.

Will Mr Callaghan confirm press reports that Lord Greenhill met white businessmen? Can he say anything about the mood of the white community? There have been encouraging reports that they are more flexible than in the past.

We appreciate that Mr Callaghan is considering whether there is anything we can do to help because, although one must not exaggerate British influence in this negotiation, it could well be that once the principle of majority rule is accepted, it might do much to reconcile the whites to the new situation and get the new country off to a good start.

Mr Callaghan—I agree that those playing for time find that commodity increasingly scarce. The whole situation would be transformed if Mr Smith were to say to his European followers that the time had come to accept the principle of majority rule and that they intend to enter negotiations for the orderly transfer of power.

If he were to say that the position of Europeans in Rhodesia would be much better safeguarded than by anything else.

I can confirm that Lord Greenhill met a group of white businessman and black too. I cannot say anything about the attitude he found in that connexion, he reported generally to me.

Mr David Steel (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L)—Is there a greater awareness now in the regime or the white minority about the reality of what is going on around in Africa? Can Mr Callaghan say whether the alternatives are a quick transition to majority rule or armed struggle?

Did Lord Greenhill raise the question of the future role of Mr Garfield Todd. Most of us view with concern the fact that having been here for three weeks he is going back to detention.

Mr Callaghan—No, Lord Greenhill did not raise the question of Mr Garfield Todd, although Mr Nkomo said he would like him to be associated with the negotiations but I do not think anything Lord Greenhill could do would do anything about that.

I must leave the House in dubiety. They must draw their own conclusions. There was apparently some encouragement yesterday but I have no idea what went on.

Mr Smith must state simply to his European followers that they must accept the need for African majority rule and things will get easier. He has not said that so far.

Mr Evan Luard (Oxford, Lab)—Willingness to seek a settlement depends on the attitude of the South African Government and whether they are applying United Nations sanctions. Is Mr Callaghan seeking to bring home to that Government how urgently necessary for its own sake as well as that for Rhodesia, to ensure that Mr Smith does feel the necessity for bringing about a settlement as early as possible.

Mr Callaghan—Its influence is great but not a determining factor. Mr Smith is his own man and will go his own way, but whether to heaven or perdition I am not sure.

Labour MPs—We are.

Mr Callaghan—Well, may be, but Mr Smith has the capacity to carry the Europeans with him if he will once make this great leap which is necessary. He can salve his reputation from his past misdeeds and that of the Europeans in Rhodesia. Whether it is possible, I do not know. We must wait and see. So far there is nothing in the record to show that he is willing to do this.

We have impressed the facts on the South African Government. One of my officials was there not long ago.

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, UUUC)—Will Mr Callaghan ensure that any help proffered or afforded by the United Kingdom does not involve or imply any kind of commitment which this country is unwilling or unable to sustain? (Some cheers.)

Mr Callaghan—That is a general statement which I accept, but there are clearly circumstances in which, if there was an agreement on majority rule and that majority rule was being implemented, the House would want to assist that objective, the achievement of which the House has stood for for so long.

Mr Paul Rose (Manchester, Blackley, Lab)—Will Mr Callaghan assure the House that since force was ruled out by Mr Wilson after UDI, there is no British military commitment during explorations or negotiations to pull Mr Smith's chestnuts out of the fire after a decade of defiance by a tiny majority in Rhodesia?

Mr Callaghan—I cannot see the force of that question. I cannot imagine any British Government putting in armed forces to support Mr Smith in a cause which is undoubtedly wrong and in a war which he would undoubtedly lose.

Sir George Sinclair (Dorking, C)—Is Mr Callaghan confident that these negotiations are taking place between Mr Ian Smith and the competent African parties, competent as representing the main underlying African political force seeking majority rule?

Mr Callaghan—It is not for me to judge who should be involved in these negotiations between Mr Nkomo and Mr Smith. There are many forces outside Rhodesia who have a particular part to play and whose influence will grow the longer the talks between Mr Smith and Mr Nkomo are unsettled; and will grow in the direction of guerrilla war. I hope that is understood. It should be made clear to the Rhodesian European population.

Dr Dickson Mabon (Greenock and Port Glasgow, Lab)—Does Mr Nkomo accept that there is a locus for the British Government in relation to negotiations between him and Mr Smith?

Was any prior information given to Lord Greenhill about the so-called breakthrough in the talks we heard about yesterday?

Mr Callaghan—No information was given to Lord Greenhill about that. I have no idea what passed between the two.

On the matter of locus, Mr Nkomo and the four African presidents have always been anxious that Britain should play a greater part. I made clear that the first approaches indicating that Mr Smith might like the British Government to play a part came from Mr Smith and not from me. I hope that is understood. But I am proceeding cautiously and warily in this matter.

We did not start the talks between Mr Smith and Mr Nkomo and we do not know to what extent both sides are fully represented. We want to secure a peaceful and orderly transfer of power to the African majority by peaceful means as quickly as possible.

Mr Julian Amery (Brighton, Pavilion, C)—If Mr Smith and Mr Nkomo reach agreement leading to a provisional government and a period of transition, would Mr Callaghan be prepared to say that in such an event the British Government would give all possible support, moral, material and, if necessary, militar[illegible] tions)—to protect[illegible] against invasion from [illegible]

Mr Callaghan—Such [illegible] is hypothetical and [illegible] for answer here by my[illegible]

Mr Ioan Evans ([illegible] Lab)—Majority rule attained by other [illegible] means if Mr Smith de[illegible] quickly. Will Mr Ca[illegible] the leaders of Afric[illegible] surrounding Rhodesia [illegible]

Mr Callaghan—If [illegible] break down guerrilla [illegible] accelerate. No doubt, [illegible] contained by the Eur[illegible] for a time, but in the [illegible] not prevail. This is th[illegible] not a question of w[illegible] wants but what is goi[illegible] and when one is dea[illegible] future of Africans ar[illegible] one must deal in fact[illegible] wishes.

I profoundly wish [illegible] and Europeans could [illegible] ful future in Rhodesi[illegible] be our objective.

I will keep the A[illegible] dents informed. The[illegible] influence here and we [illegible] in step with them as f[illegible] but clearly we must [illegible] own freedom of actio[illegible]

Sir Derek Walker-[illegible] Hertfordshire, C)—H[illegible] han formed any imp[illegible] the help of Lord [illegible] report, as to the [illegible] transfer of power to [illegible] majority being f[illegible] genuine pluralistic de[illegible]

Would not assura[illegible] point be of value i[illegible] acceptance of the posi[illegible] are unfortunate prece[illegible] contrary on the A[illegible] tinent?

Mr Callaghan—Yes [illegible] but I have not been [illegible] that opinion because [illegible] been able to form [illegible] whether the Europe[illegible] desia and the regim[illegible] ready to come to ter[illegible] facts of the situation.

Until they acknow[illegible] there is an inevitability [illegible] transfer of power to [illegible] majority and that it [illegible] negotiation or throu[illegible] activity I do not think [illegible] able to proceed to f[illegible] calculations.

Leyland need wise elder statesman

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson (Newbury, C) asked when the Prime Minister next expected to meet the chairmen of the nationalized industries.

Mr Harold Wilson—I am ready to meet the chairmen of the nationalized industries whenever necessary, as I did last July, but apart from those I hope to meet at NEDC tomorrow I have at present no plans to meet them as a group.

Mr McNair-Wilson—When he does meet them, would he feel it necessary to discuss the TUC's important statement over the weekend that top salaries should not be more than £20,000 in view of the excessive salaries paid to some chairmen and part-time chairmen of those industries?

Mr Wilson—We are in touch with the CBI, with the chairmen of the nationalized industries, and the TUC on this matter.

Mr Robert Cryer (Keighley, Lab)—Would he explain how the appointment of Sir Richard Dobson, currently earning £58,000 a year with a £80,000 goodbye present, to a part-time three-day-week job as chairman of British Leyland, will inspire British Leyland workers to believe that publicly-owned industries are going to be more democratic in future?

Mr Wilson—I met Sir Richard Dobson after he had been appointed by the board. I did not interview him as has been stated. He was appointed following consultation with the NEB and all relevant ministers were involved before that appointment was made, including myself.

As for the inspiration of British Leyland workers, Mr Cryer will have been delighted to see the big improvement in productivity and the faster move than many expected towards profitability. Since 1968 until recently there had only been four days in the history of British Leyland when there have been no strikes. He will be glad to see the recent improvement in industrial relations.

Mr John Pardoe (North Cornwall, L)—While some of us on this side of the House will sympathize with limiting the level of top salaries, why is it proving so difficult to obtain the services of younger able men to head these industries? (Laughter and interruptions.)

An MP—Gas Council.

Mr Pardoe—That is not one of the jobs I am looking for. (Loud cries of "Oh" and laughter.)

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas)—Order. We will never hear what job it is. (Renewed laughter.)

Mr Pardoe—Could the Prime Minister make sure these jobs are widely advertised — (Renewed laughter)—to recruit those with other qualifications than that of being geriatric?

Mr Wilson—As to Mr Pardoe, I would be prepared to consider him if he would send me a note of his qualifications—octavo would do, as most of his colleagues would agree. (Laughter.)

In the case of British Leyland, as he will know it was decided that the main weight of leadership would fall on the chief executive who is conducting his operation successfully, and one wanted the wise, elder industrial statesman in the chair, not to interfere with the freedom of the chief executive.

Not Government policy to increase taxes

During questions to the Prime Minister concerning his public speech of February 16 on the Civil Service,

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C) said—In that speech the Prime Minister referred to coins jingling in pay packets. Would he confirm nevertheless that it is Government policy to increase the burden of tax on the taxpayer?

Mr Harold Wilson—She was kind enough last week to forecast what this Government will do over the next four years, which will be well into the next Parliament. (Conservative protests.) She conceded that.

For those four years we have set out fully what the House will shortly be debating—all the implications of the expenditure policy. One of the problems here for us and for the House is that we do not intend to finance them as her Government did by the vast printing of money through the printing presses.

Mrs Thatcher—He has therefore confirmed it is his policy to increase taxes. The only remaining question is by how much. (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Wilson—I confirmed nothing of the kind.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab)—During those next four years will the Prime Minister change the current language of this Government's socialist policies and change from one of rescuing secondary banking systems as a first priority to one of scaling down the 1,500,000 on the dole?

Mr Wilson—If he is not satisfied with the Government language, I will look at it. I can assure him that any replacement will not involve using his language.

Mr Wilson's view o[illegible] Crossman diaries

Sir John Langford-Holt (Shrewsbury, C) asked whether the Prime Minister would require members of the Government to sign an official undertaking that they would not take notes of proceedings or notes of their recollection of any proceedings in or relating to the Cabinet.

Mr Harold Wilson (Huyton, Lab)—There is no need for a general rule of this kind.

Sir John Langford-Holt—As the Government have spent quite a lot of public money persuading the Attorney General to try and suppress the Crossman Diaries, what will he do to raise standards from what he and I must both agree is a very low level?

Mr Wilson—I agree very much. I have informed the House of the Government's acceptance of the Radcliffe report. I do not want to go too much into some of the things that were said, but there were many statements in those diaries which I know to have been not only not true but not even possibly true because they could not have fitted in with the dates when things were supposed to have happened.

Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab)—To be fair to the memory of Dick Crossman, is it not a fact that practically everyone around the Cabinet table knew precisely what he was up to? (Laughter.)

Mr Wilson—No. We knew he was taking a considerable academic interest in constitutional questions. He made that clear. Paragraph 99 of Radcliffe makes clear that while it is possible that members of successive governments over the last 200 years have tried to keep their memory fresh by making notes afterwards—this was before tapes were usable—this was assumed to be for mnemonic purposes to help them write any book they might write more accurately.

What no one could have forecast was that Dick Crossman died and these things were put out without his editing.

Sir Derek Walker-Smith (East Hertfordshire, C)—Could he say whether Mr Crossman's observations in the diaries m[illegible] that none of the Cabi[illegible] stood the Land Comm[illegible] of 1967 applies also m[illegible] opment Land Tax Bill [illegible] (Laughter.)

Mr Wilson—It did [illegible] then but our friend Dic[illegible] a lot of time on other [illegible] often did not understa[illegible] cated legislation of tha[illegible]

Mr Eric Heffer (Live[illegible] ton, Lab)—Many of us [illegible] the late Richard Cross[illegible] first-class job in tearin[illegible] veil of the so-called [illegible] government.

Rather than stopping [illegible] from being publicized, [illegible] terests of open gov[illegible] would be far better if [illegible] cussions were publicize[illegible] of us would know pre[illegible] was Cabinet policy, wh[illegible] decisions were, how [illegible] arrived at rather tha[illegible] tion that exists at pr[illegible] pretence that no d[illegible] exists.

Mr Wilson—No. It is [illegible] nized that in successi[illegible] ments there have bee[illegible] ments. There are in [illegible] cabinet at present, as w[illegible] today.

Mr Heffer is exp[illegible] these matters. As a fel[illegible] of the national executi[illegible] tee of the Labour Par[illegible] hope he would not se[illegible] gest that the Cabi[illegible] operate on the same b[illegible] NEC in regard to open [illegible]

Mr Jonathan Aitke[illegible] East, C)—How does [illegible] Minister resolve his re[illegible] Mr Crossman's diarie[illegible] continual flow of leaks [illegible] lated Cabinet secrecy at [illegible] the Chrysler affair, part[illegible] repeated verbatim b[illegible] journalists by senio[illegible] ministers?

Mr Wilson—I have ex[illegible] view on this. This was [illegible] tunate set of circumsta[illegible] give even help—I do no[illegible] was the intention—to t[illegible] vative front bench, wh[illegible] having to explain why [illegible] to close down Chrysler [illegible] Leyland.

Complaint about move by abortion group

Sir Bernard Braine (South-East Essex, C), in raising what he said was a matter of privilege, said it was reported in *The Times* and *Guardian* newspapers today that the National Abortion Campaign had refused to give evidence before the House of Commons Select Committee on Abortion.

In *The Times* newspaper (he said) a spokesman of the National Abortion Campaign steering committee is reported as saying "We will boycott the select committee and encourage other organizations to boycott the committee". A little later it says: "We hope to discredit the illusion of a fair select committee. There is no way that this committee can look at the evidence logically and fairly."

The Guardian report is of a similar nature. I am referring particularly to the words: "The National Abortion Committee have bluntly said: 'We believe it will serve no purpose at all to talk to MPs who are already poised to restrict the existing abortion legislation.'"

The House set up the select committee, or reappointed it on February 9. These statements as reported are, in my submission, a gross contempt of the House as a whole since they are saying unequivocally first, that the committee set up by a majority of the House should be boycotted, and secondly, that they will encourage those people who might be called to give evidence to do the ——.

I would ask the Speaker to rule first that these statements are in the words of *Erskine May* "A reflection upon MPs", that is to say that the House who set up the select committee has no authority worthy of respect and is incapable of considering important matters fairly and objectively.

He should rule that such statements are calculated to deter other witnesses from giving evidence, and are clearly meant to have that effect.

In all my years in the House, I cannot recall a more serious and blatant attempt to frustrate MPs from carrying out onerous duties.

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas)—I will consider this complaint and give my ruling tomorrow (Wednesday).

Sale of land

Mr Alan Williams, Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, in a written reply, said extension of the Trade Descriptions Act to cover misdescriptions of land was being considered in the current review of the Act by an interdepartmental committee.

Inquiries into deaths on North Sea oil rigs

Mr Ronald King Murray, Lord Advocate (Edinburgh, Leith, Lab) moving the second reading of the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Death Inquiry (Scotland) Bill, which has passed the House of Lords, said it was primarily a measure of law reform, consolidating and amending the legislation governing public inquiries into deaths in Scotland and modernizing the procedure to be followed at such inquiries.

The Bill implemented, with one exception, all the recommendations of the Grant Committee on the sheriff court. In future public inquiries would be held by a sheriff sitting alone instead of by a sheriff sitting with a jury of seven people. This would effect a considerable saving of time and expense.

The Bill gave sheriffs jurisdiction to hold inquiries into all deaths occurring on the Continental Shelf in connexion with oil and other mineral operations. Once the machinery was in existence there seemed no good reason why it should not inquire into deaths occurring before it had been brought into force where there were strong grounds for a public inquiry.

Accordingly the Bill empowered the Lord Advocate to order inquiries into deaths occurring up to three years before the Bill became law.

The Law Society of Scotland and the Scottish TUC had made strong representations in favour of retaining compulsory inquiries into fatal accidents at work.

The main argument was that if inquiries were not compulsory there was a risk that a number of cases would not be fully investigated and in many cases the employers' version of events would be accepted without further inquiry. The STUC persisted in their objections but the Law Society were prepared to withdraw theirs only on the basis that public inquiries would be held in all cases except where the Lord Advocate in exceptional circumstances dispensed with an inquiry.

After careful consideration the Government had reached the view on balance that it would be wrong to abolish compulsory inquiries, particularly in the face of continued objection from those representing employees who were the people most directly concerned.

The Bill provided for the continuation of compulsory as well as discretionary inquiries. It extended the scope of compulsory inquiries. At present inquiries need only be held into deaths resulting from industrial employment. Under the Bill inquiries would have to be held into deaths resulting from accidents to those at work in offices, shops, schools and hospitals as well as factories.

The Bill would also provide that there should be compulsory inquiries into the deaths of people in custody. At present the deaths of inmates of prisons and other penal institutions qualified for an inquiry. It was equally desirable that the deaths of persons arrested but not yet brought before a court should be treated in the same way.

Where the facts of a death had been brought out in criminal proceedings the Lord Advocate would have the discretion to dispense with an inquiry. The Bill should make inquiries into accidental deaths quicker, more effective and less expensive.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Opposition spokesman on Scotland (Edinburgh, Pentlands, C), said he gave the Bill a qualified welcome. It was clear from the recommendations of the Grant Committee that in the case of fatal accident inquiries the existence of the jury had not performed any useful function. The public interest would not be harmed by the absence of a jury from such inquiries.

The major disagreement between the Opposition and the Lord Advocate was the requirement that there should be a mandatory inquiry irrespective of the circumstances, irrespective of the views of the Lord Advocate, whenever there was a fatality arising out of employment. The Government were not merely rejecting the Grant Committee's views that an obligatory inquiry was unnecessary they were doing even worse. They were extending the sphere of obligatory inquiries to new areas that had never required them in the past.

The Bill was read a second time.

More freedom for priva[illegible] bus services rejected

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) was refused leave, by 150 votes to 138 to bring in a Bill to relax the criteria which have to be applied by the Traffic Commissioners in deciding whether to refuse or grant a licence to operate a bus service.

He said that provided the commissioners were satisfied that the crucial safety provisions of the Road Traffic Act 1960 were being complied with they would have to grant the licence.

Under the law as it stood, it was the practice of the commissioners, and upheld by ministers on appeal, to refuse applications when the National Bus Company or one of its subsidiaries or British Rail objected to the licence being granted.

The present criteria for issuing licences were wrong. Why should the Traffic Commissioners be charged with the task of deciding the suitability of routes and new services? Why should they decide whether a new service was necessary or desirable in the public interest?

The public interest was best served by allowing the market, rather than officials appointed by the Department of the Environment, to decide what the public interest really lay.

Experience had shown that the Traffic Commissioners and ministers did not know best. The public was fed up with the cost and quality of public transport.

The criteria followed by the Traffic Commissioners had served only to preserve the costly, loss making state monopolies of British Rail and the National Bus Company. The Bill was an anti-monopoly Bill.

The present criteria were manifestly divorced from the needs and requirements of the people. The people wanted this outdated and discredited system of licensing to be scrapped.

One firm he knew had [illegible] the commissioners to [illegible] service from Cranl[illegible] Nawhurst in Surrey to [illegible] The company estimated [illegible] service could save passe[illegible] week compared to Br[illegible] fares from March 20.

The Bill would not on[illegible] commuting public. It [illegible] help those parents who [illegible] to operate a free enterpr[illegible] to get their children [illegible] more cheaply, and el[illegible] retired people who wou[illegible] go on coach outings [illegible] choice was limited beca[illegible] licensing system.

The monopolies fe[illegible] detested competition. Th[illegible] the disciplines of the [illegible] economy. For them the [illegible] tion of the status quo [illegible] important than service to [illegible] lic.

Mr Robert Cryer ([illegible] Lab) said the Traffic [illegible] sioners had been decidin[illegible] suitability of routes and [illegible] route was in the public [illegible] since the Road Traffic Ac[illegible] Then there was unfettere[illegible] tition, but it became cla[illegible] government of the day th[illegible] tition was not beneficia[illegible] public. Many routes we[illegible] eroded and disregarded [illegible] they were not profitable.

If the Bill was given [illegible] reading this was the sort [illegible] tion which would prevail [illegible] moment the NBC provided [illegible] on routes which were n[illegible] able. If profitable routes [illegible] vices were eroded by thes[illegible] sals even greater losses [illegible] sustained by the NBC.

Any MP who had the int[illegible] public vehicle service at h[illegible] the interest of maintain[illegible] existing 11,000 mile[illegible] network at heart must vote [illegible] the Bill. It was a pernicio[illegible] of legislation.

Sports grounds

Mr Hector Monro (Dumfries, C) asked when the Home Secretary intended to lay designation orders affecting sports grounds under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act.

Mr Roy Jenkins—I intend to make the first designation order this summer.

Seat belts Bill

The Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill, under which car drivers and front seat passengers with some exceptions would be compelled to wear seat belts, was read a second time in the Commons on Monday night by 249 votes to 139—majority, 110.

Subsidy 50% with school meals at 20p

During questions to the Secretary of State for Education and Science on the proposal to increase the charge for school meals to 20p next September,

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C), said—As the estimated cost of subsidies for school meals in the current year has increased from £266m in June of last year to £331m last month, it would be prudent in the national interest to advance the date of the increase.

Mr Frederick Mulley—No. Had I thought that the right decision, I would have done so already.

Mr Max Madden (Sowerby, Lab)—Are not parents already contributing more than half the total cost of school meals? Could not the cost of the overall service be reduced if changes were made first in the content of school meals to give higher nutritional value, and also to the administration of the service?

Mr Mulley—There will still be a 50 per cent subsidy when the increased charge comes in. At present it is 64 per cent.

Mr Charles Morrison (Devizes, C)—Rather than imposing a specific increase for school meals it would be better, within a system of cash limits for total education costs, to leave discretion for fixing the amount of the increase to the local education authority.

Mr Mulley—This has been considered but over the years it has been wished that the meal cost be fixed nationally to avoid the kind of argument which might arise in each locality.

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Mrs Ewing's protest rejected

The Speaker ruled on the complaint of privilege raised by Mrs Winifred Ewing (Moray and Nairn, Scot Nat) on Monday about a letter written by Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab) which appeared in the *Northern Scot* newspaper on February 28.

He said it was not for him to make any comments either upon the political arguments reflected in this letter or upon the manner in which it was written.

All I have to say (he went on) is whether I consider I ought to give precedence over the orders of the day to a motion concerning this complaint. I cannot find any reason for so doing.

Donatello plaque acquir[illegible]

Mr Edward Graham (Enfield, Edmonton, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Education and Science what progress was being made in acquiring the plaque by Donatello for the nation.

Mr Hugh Jenkins, Under Secretary (Wandsworth, Putney, Lab)—The purchase has been completed, half the cost having been met from non-government sources. I [illegible] like to express my apprec[illegible] the effort made by the [illegible] and Albert Museum to achi[illegible] satisfactory result and of t[illegible] erosity of the National Art [illegible] tions Fund, the Pilgrim Tr[illegible] Wolfson Foundation, Christ[illegible] Italian community in Lond[illegible] many other private benefact[illegible]

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T EUROPE

Peart fights to keep cost of C's annual price iew down to 1p in the pound

id Cross
March 3

uropean Community's ica review entered its ase today with Mr e Minister of Agricul- ting to keep British e increases to a strict

package we are dis- n Brussels might put in the pound on food n the United King- told reporters on his n Brussels. "This is great but the cost to ewife is an important for me and my collea-

eart's calculation was proposals for price averaging 7.5 per the EEC's nine mil- ners, which were sub- y the European Com- as a basis for negotia- ministers of agriculture ine.

top of this increase, ousewives will have to rther 1p in the pound this year, when Bri- m prices move a fur- p towards the higher the rest of the Com-

of the increases would y products, like milk, nd cheese, where Bri- p prices might rise by nt, 8p a pound, and 4p d respectively. This is the annual review in fixes minimum prices oducers and market or most other products ll above tha fall-back guaranteed to farmers.

eart's determined effort a fair deal for British ves was helped by the publication in Brussels today of a sharp attack by the European Bureau of Consumer Associations on the Community's whole agricultural price-fixing policy.

In a note submitted to the ministers of agriculture, this organization, which groups national consumer associations nf the Nine, said: "This is bound to lead either to restricted consumption, because prices are too high for consumers, or to the production of quantities higher than necessary to meet consumer demand.

"In this case consumers will be penalized twice by the common agricultural policy: as buyers of foodstuffs they pay a higber price than they should, but they also pay, as taxpayers, the taxes which are necessary to destroy or export at lower prices the foodstuffs produced in surplus."

The statement pointed ont that EEC prices for hutter and skimmed milk were between one and a half and twice the world market prices in 1974-75.

Mr Peart's other main priority during the final round of price deliherations is the retention of the special beef marketing system which the Labour Government secured a year ago as part of its renegotiation of Britain's membership terms.

He told reporters that the scheme had "Worked well, and as a result, we bave not taken excessive quantities of heef off the market into intervention (surplus stockpiles). The consumer has had the benefit of the available beef at a reasonable price and the farmer bas had the assurance of support through the (variable beef) premium."

Mr Peart and most of his colleagues, are hoping that a final settlement on the annual price review can he reached by the end of tha week at the latest. But many of them feel that negotiations could drag on into next week, perhaps with a pause while they consult their colleagues at home on the budgetary implications of price rises.

This year's price review has been complicated by a series of recommendations made by the Commission to reorganize some of the Community's farm marketing systems at the saina time as new prices are fixed. They inclode suggestions for resolving the EEC's milk surplus problems, the Franco-Italian wine war and existing price differentials in the grain sector.

Equally delicate is the Commission's suggestion that border taxes for the West Germans and Benelux countries should be partially phased out to restore some semblance of a common farm price policy. The four countries involved are continuing to oppose the Commission's proposed changes, while the Italians and the Irish are pressing for border tax changes not envisaged by the Commissioo in its original proposals.

This element is crucial to the final outcome not least because border taxes and subsidies are a heavy burden on the EEC's £2,250m annual farm budget.

The commission has calculated, for example, that the payment of subsidies on EEC farm exports to Italy could cost the Community an extra £125m a year to compensate farmers for the loss of income resulting from the latest de facto devaluation of the Italian lira.

Lorry blockade: Drivers of 75 long-distance French lorries blocking the Chamonix road to the Mont Blanc tunnel since Monday morning, called off their protest yesterday after the French Government had stepped in to save their jobs. The blockade, which held up some 1,500 lorries on the French and Italian approaches to the tunnel, was mounted after the drivers received dismissal notices from their company

Nine promise to buy more from Turkey

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, March 2

In an effort to stem the growth of anti-EEC sentiment in Turkey, the foreign ministers of the Nine today assured Mr Caglayangil, the Turkish Foreign Minister, that the Community was ready to improve access to its market for Turkish agricultural products.

Afterwards Mr Caglayangil said ha was "very happy" with the outcome, describing it as a "turning-point in our relations". The burden of the Turkish complaint was that the privileges they enjoy under their treaty of association with the EEC have been eroded by the trade concessions the Community has granted in recent years to other Mediterranean countries.

After the ministers had discussed the Western Sahara conflict, Mr Gaston Thorn, of Luxembourg, the current EEC President, told a press conferenoe that no attempt had been made at this stage to assess tha merits of any of the parties. However, ministers were aware of the need to avoid a repetition of the fiasco of their uncoordinated and belated response to the situation io Angola.

The foreign ministers also approved the text of a non-committal reply to a recent communication from Comecon, the East European economic organization, which proposed the opening of negotiations with the EEC on a framework agreement to regulate mutual economic and commercial relations.

The Nine have not yet begun a detailed examination of Comecon's proposals.

On direct elections to the European Parliament, the foreign ministers agreed to refer decisions on the key issues of the size of the Assembly and the distribution of seats among member states to the summit of EEC heads of government in Luxembourg on April 1 and 2.

Italian communist seeks Labour sympathy for party role in government

By Edward Mortimer

"The Italian Communist Party is against any further extension of Italy's public sector. Does that place it on the right of Britain's Labour Party?

That question was put to Signor Giorgio Napolitano, a senior member of the Italian Communist leadership, at a meeting at the Royal Institute of International Affairs io London yesterday. He replied with another qnestioo: "Will someone draw the consequence that the Labour Party favours a communist participation in the Italian Government? I bope so."

The remark was made jokingly, hut it is clear that Signor Napolitano's interest in the question is by no means frivolous. Indeed it was probably that question that *made his* party encourage him to accept the Royal Institute's invitation to come and speak on "the Italian Communist Party and prospects for a 'historic compromise' with the Christian Democrats".

On Monday, at the Foreign Press Association, he said his visit was one of a series which members of the party leadership were making to West European countries. "We hava the impression", he said, "that in Europe there is at this moment a growing interest in the position of the Italian Communist Party—but also a critical attitude and a certain diffidence tnwards it. We think this diffidence is at least partly due to a lack of direct discussion with representatives of our party."

He was having several meetings while in Britain with different gronps of Labour MPs, and hoped also to meet a member of the Government. He expressed a strong interest in Britain's "economic and social crisis", which ha said was in many aspects very similar to Italy's.

The impression be left was that the Italian Communists expect to find themselves in governmeot quite soon, as a result of the collapse of the ceotre-left coalition which has ruled Italy for most of the past 10 years, and especially the collapse of the Christian Democrat Party.

The message seems to be that West European governments should take at least an attitude of benevolent neutrality towards an Italian government including Communists, and should use their influence to persuade the United States to do the same.

The Britisb Labour Governmeot in particular, it is hinted, should look sympathetically on a fellow *left-wing* party which has established its democratic credentials over a long period, has shown its independence from Moscow, and is putting forward realistic, constructive and moderate policies for the solution of Italy's economic and social crisis.

Patricia Clough writes from Rome: The Italian Socialist Party, sqneezed uncomfortably between the Communists and the Christian Democrats, meets tomorrow to try to plan its future strategy.

The Socialist congress, with that of the Christian Democrats later this month, is regarded here as one of the most important political events of the year.

One of the reasons why Signor Aldo Moro was able to form his fragile minority government last month was to tide the country over until these two key parties have made fundamental decisions about their future. Once their policies are known, the political debate can start again.

ondon puzzled over eland fishing hint

nhagen, March 2.—Mr llgrimsson, the Icelandic Minister, accused Britain of pursuing an incoo- fishing policy and d for greater British tanding of his country's o conserve its vital fish

demanded a withdrawal Royal Navy ships from d areas off Iceland he- ny oew calks could take o settling the third "cod

in's inconsistency, be press conference bere, at it refused to accept 's 200-mile fishing zooe the same time sought a limit for itself and embers of the European nity.

st this background, Mr msson said his Governmight be prepared to r an interim 100-mile limit for British rs operating off Iceland. explained later, however, his was meant only "as ument. If the British were themselves the same con- s in their conflict with d as they set other mem- of the Common Market, they would stay outside 0-mile zone."

London, a Foreign Office man said be was puzzled e Icelandic Prime Minister's offer of a possible 100-mile limit. The spokesman said the dispute was about the size of the cod catch to be taken by British trawlers.]

Mr Hallgrimsson is in Copenhagen for the 24th session of the Nordic Council.—Reuter.

Ronald Kershaw, on board HMS Scylla off east Greenland, writes: What appears to be remarkably like an attempt by Icelandic gunboats to lower the temperature in the cod war with Britain is now being experienced in the fishing grounds off the east coast of Iceland. Sinca Saturday, only two or three half-hearted attempts bave been made to cut the trawls of British vessels and on occasion, trawlers have been able to fisb with impunity while gunboats lay bove to only two miles away.

Disaster "recipe": Commander Michael Jones, captain of the British frigate HMS Yarmouth which became the Royal Navy's first serious cod war casualty, yesterday accused the Icelanders of stage-managing incidents for the benefit of journalists and said: "It is a recipe for disaster."

He was speaking at a press conference soon after his frigate arrived at Rosyth, Fife, for repairs, after a collision with the Icelandic gunboat Baldur on February 28.

ctor charged r sex nge treatment

Our Own Correspondent
March 2

Elise Salem-Delacbanme, dical practitioner, was d in Marseilles today dministering "substances l to the health and al integrity" of a youth who wished to change . If convicted, she may sentence of five to 10 n prison.

is the first time, it is d, that a French doctor been prosecuted nn s of administering a hor- treatment, which is ille- France.

action was started in r by the youth's mother.

Fear of backlash after Basque country murder

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, March 2

The murder of a bus inspector last night in the Basque town of Lezo, near San Sebastián, could provoke a backlash against the Government's tentative plans to grant the Basque country a measure of autonomy, observers in Madrid said today.

Members of the separatist organization ETA (Basque Homeland and Liberty) are suspected of the killing, in which Señor Emilio Guezala Aramburu, aged 49, was sbot from a black Seat car as he was walking along a road with his cousin. The other man was wonnded.

rtuguese premier denies will run for presidency

Our Correspondent
, March 2

iral Pinheiro de Aze Portugal's Prime Min is denied any suggestio. e will stand as Arme- candidate in the Jun n for the presidency. I his rare interviews, h ne Lisbon evening new *A Capital* that such ature night be regarde interpretation of pate of the military ove ns".

added that it was prema to pronounce upon th ility of any other for odidature by him. Th Minister described hin s "an intransigent ant revolutionary and on oves liberty above any al creed".

said his Government's aim was "achieving racy in the country's al and social life". other goals could be ed, according to the of the people.

Prime Minister admitted ere is an advance by the ing in Portugal; but he ther "there exists in the y some s said to be left, ormations of treme who are in no way interested in installing a true democracy and who by their activities obstruct the consolidation of democratic liberties and the path to socialism". Recent terrorist attacks ad come as mucb from the ight as from the left.

The admiral said that recent usterity measures alone could ot put the serious economic ituarion in Portugal right, but t least they aimed at porting little order into affairs. The odamental problem was to crease production—"production on a competitive basis".

Discipline had returned to e Armed Forces after the ttempted rising of November 5 last year, hut trade union iscipline also was necessary. "Trade nnion discipline is not imposed." Either the democratic rules were accepted or the unions took risks by flouting them.

Meanwhile it was learnt today that a man died after being shot through the head when armed police attempted to disperse crowds of merrymakers in Setubal, south of Lisbon, last night. Police are blamed for his death.

The shooting was followed by riots and troops were called to restore order.

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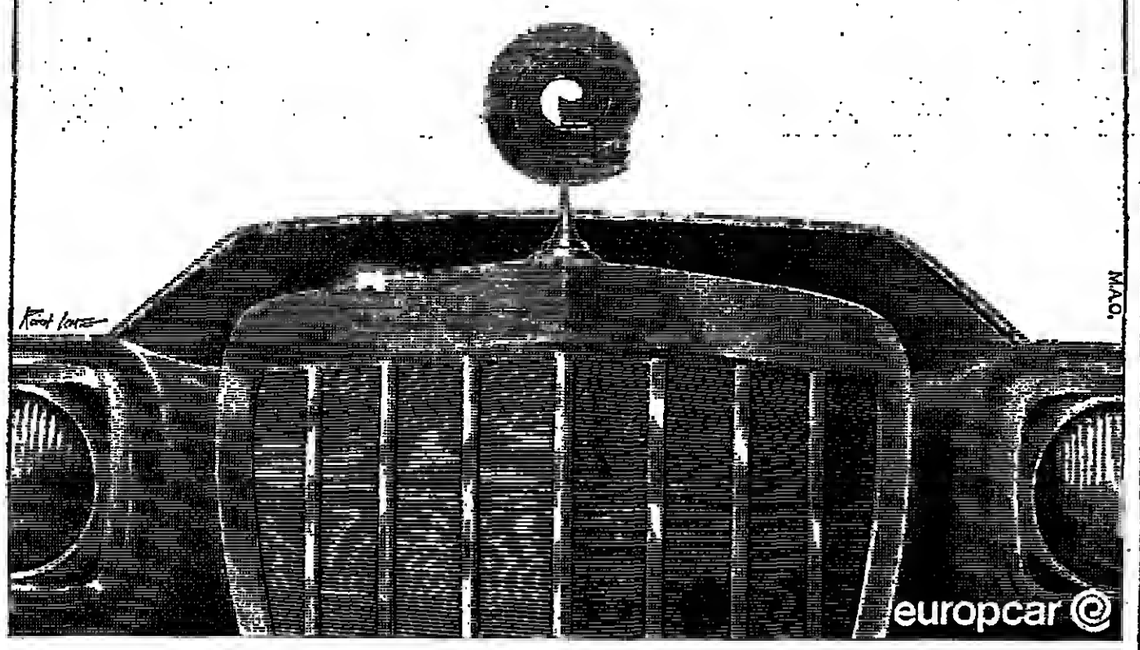

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OVERSEAS

Col Gaddafi invited to see situation in Sahara

Rabat, March 2.—King Hassan of Morocco has invited Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, to come here to see the situation in the Western Sahara for himself, according to a press report here.

The former Spanish territory has been handed over to Morocco and Mauritania, but the Polisario National Front—backed by Libya and Algeria—is opposing the take-over.

An unofficial text of King Hassan's message, published in the pro-Government newspaper *Maroc Soir*, said the King had received a letter from Colonel Gaddafi over the weekend containing "certain paragraphs requiring a reply and others that are to be simply rejected".

The King claimed that in 1973 the Polisario movement in the Sahara was created by "the communist and progressive wing of the Spanish Army and Administration".

The King added, according to the unofficial text, that he had proof and documents that demonstrated "irrefutably" that the Sahara was to be the springboard for a "revolutionary movement manipulated by the Polisario and certain Spanish communist officers, as happened in Portugal".

He agreed with Colonel Gaddafi that the situation in the Sahara was "explosive", but insisted that "the danger resulted from Algerian intervention".

He invited the colonel to Morocco "so you can see the Sahara situation for yourself and so that you can distinguish objectively between the true and the false".

The monarch expressed the hope that Colonel Gaddafi would work to make Algeria "and the pawns it manipulates" see reason again.—

Our Cairo Correspondent writes: Hopes for an early solution to the Algerian-Moroccan conflict over the Western Sahara seemed remote today after Mr Mahmoud Riad, the Arab League's secretary, reported that both sides were sticking to their positions.

Mr Riad, who returned here after an attempt at mediation between Algeria, Morocco and Mauritania to settle the Sahara dispute, told reporters that he found the three North African states adamant. What was important now was to prevent the political differences from turning into an armed conflict.

Moroccan and Algerian forces had clashed in the territory before Spain left it.

In spite of this attitude, the leaders of the three countries assured him that they would not resort to force. "But a peaceful solution cannot be reached within a short period and it is the duty of the Arab brothers to exert intensive efforts towards this end", Mr Riad added.

Our Madrid Correspondent writes: The official who was in charge of the Spanish Sahara under General Franco has called Spain's departure from the former colonial territory a "retreat". Señor Antonio Carro Martinez, Minister of the Presidency until a few weeks after Franco's death, made the remark in a speech in Madrid last night.

He added, however, that "Spain managed to decolonize the territory in miraculously favourable conditions, above all when compared with the enormous cost of decolonization which was borne by the great colonial nations, and also when we consider the unfavourable local and international implications of the Sahara".

Ultimate control over Saharan affairs came under the ministry which Señor Carro headed at the time of King Hassan's "Green March".

Governor George Wallace of Alabama campaigning for yesterday's Massachusett

Massachusetts primary tests th popularity of Mr Wallace

From Patrick Brogan

Washington, March 2

The people of Massachusetts and Vermont are voting in their presidential primary elections today. It is cold, it is wet, there is snow in the mountains and two or three Democratic candidates for the presidency have reached the end of the road. Eight Democrats are running in Massachusetts and several will be out of hope and money tomorrow.

The conservative Democratic candidates are Governor George Wallace of Alabama, Senator Henry Jackson, of Washington and Mr Jimmy Carter, former Governor of Georgia. This is the first time Mr Wallace has tested his popularity outside the south since 1972 and he is certain to do well among those most vociferously opposed to busing.

If he wins, which is possible because of the over-abundance of other candidates, it will be a very nasty shock to the Democratic Party. Massachusetts has been considered the most liberal state in the union, the only one which gave Senator McGovern a majority in 1972.

Senator Jackson and Mr Carter are fighting for the middle-of-the-road and respectable conservative vote. Mr Carter won the New Hampshire primary last week with 28.37 per cent of the vote and hopes to beat Mr Jackson today.

His victory now seems rather less impressive than it did at the time. The final figures have just been released and show that Mr Morris Udall, the Congressman from Arizona who came second, won 22.71 per cent of the vote, six points less than Mr Carter, who failed to break through the magic 30 per cent.

It also turns out that President Ford won less than half the Republican vote, 49.39 per cent, to Mr Ronald Reagan's 47.96 per cent.

Mr Jackson predicts victory, on the strength of a strong organization and a long and hard campaign in Massachusetts. Mr Udall does not say that he hopes to win but may, because he represents the liberals and all other Democratic candidates of that persuasion are conspicuously weak, while there are three strong conservatives.

The lesser liberals are Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana, who got 15.19 per cent in New Hampshire, Mr Fred Harris, former Senator from Oklahoma, who got 10.76 per cent, and Mr Sargent Shriver, who got 8.19 per cent. A candidate must win over 15 per cent in Massachusetts to q delegates to the na veotion, who are proportionately.

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Whites accused by tribes at Namibia talks

From Our Own Correspondent

Johannesburg, March 2

Constitutional talks on the future of Namibia (South-West Africa) resumed in Windhoek today between delegations from 12 ethnic groups in the territory, several of whom have expressed fears that time is running out for a peaceful solution.

One delegate gave a warning that unless a multiracial constitution was introduced within a matter of months, there would be a serious danger of the outlawed South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) imposing a dictatorship. A caucus of six tribal delegations has accused the white delegation of manipulating conference procedures to create delay.

The white delegation argues that while the conference should avoid delay, it should also avoid hurriedly accepting a draft constitution which will prove ineffective or be unacceptable to large sections of the population.

The constitutional talks are sponsored by the South African Government, which has been given until the end of August, by the United Nations Security Council, to give up its control of the territory.

Chief Klemens Kapuuo, the leader of the Herero tribe, is expected to introduce tomorrow a draft constitution which will contain provisions for a multiracial society.

Meanwhile, recommendations have been put forward by subcommittees that black wages should equal those of whites within six years, that pass laws should be scrapped and that there should be no discrimination in pensions or job opportunities.

Scranton pledge for UN

From Our Own Corres

Washington, March 2

Mr William Scrant confirmation seems United States representative to th Nations, said today favoured increased c with developing cou

He was answering by the Senate foreign committee, which lat the Senate to confir the post.

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Rhodesia's border patrol problem

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in Rhodesia. The dense bush and rugged terrain make it ideal country for guerrillas and the thinly-spread security forces have an almost impossible task in trying to prevent infiltration.

Their problems are compounded by the local African population being ethnically related to the people living on the Mozambique side of the border, who cross freely back and forth into Rhodesia. The people are also strong supporters of the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu), the most militant of the African nationalist organizations whose leader, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, comes from the Chinyaduma region near Chipinga.

Meanwhile, the internal faction of the African National Council (ANC) led by Mr Joshua Nkomo was today considering the new proposals submitted by Mr Ian Smith at yesterday's session of the constitutional talks. Several ANC members have expressed considerable interest in the proposals, which are understood to be concerned with the difficult problem of the franchise.

However, observers in Salisbury are sceptical of suggestions that the proposals could lead to a breakthrough.

A leading member of the Conservative Party, Mr Eldon Griffiths, MP for Bury St Edmunds, is to visit Rhodesia shortly for talks with white and black political leaders. Mr Griffiths, who is the Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, is due here on March 11 and will stay about five days. He will also visit South Africa, where he is to have talks with Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister.

In another development today, the Rhodesian Government issued a formal denial of a report in the *Daily Mirror* last Friday that Rhodesian soldiers had been involved in a massacre of some 60 Africans in the Mozambique border area last October. The allegations were made by a Rhodesian Army deserter, Mr Tom McCarthy, a 22-year-old Londoner.

Mr Jack Gaylard, Secretary to the Rhodesian Cabinet, also cabled the Foreign and Commonwealth Office asking for the facts to be brought to the attention of the House of Commons, where two questions have been tabled about the allegations.

Timor death 'overstated'

Canberra, March Allegations that 60,00 had been killed in war in East Tim "grossly exaggerated" Rag Withers, the A Minister for Admi Services and go leader in the Sena Parliament today.

Reports of atrocities sides had been overst added.—Reuter.

Mr Whitlam snubs Sir John at Husain welcoming

Canberra, March 2.—King Husain and Queen Alia of Jordan arrived in Canberra today for an eight-day state visit to Australia.

The king, the first Arab head of state to come to Australia, was met by Sir John Kerr, the Governor-General, Mr Fraser, the Prime Minister, Mr Andrew Peacock, the Foreign Minister, and Mr Gough Whitlam, leader of the Opposition.

Although Sir John performed the formal introductions, Mr Whitlam ignored him as he shook hands with the king in accordance with his recent declaration that he would never have anything to do with the governor-general, who dismissed his government last November 11.

Mr Whitlam also refused an invitation from Sir John to an official dinner for King Husain at Government House tonight. However, Mr Whitlam will join Mr Fraser in a toast to the king at a parliamentary luncheon tomorrow, at which Sir John will not be present.

King Husain, who is accompanied by Mr Zaid Rifai, his Prime Minister, will begin a round of talks on Middle East diplomacy and trade with Mr Fraser and other ministers tomorrow.

His visit is part of an extensive overseas diplomatic initiative which also will take him to the United States.—A.P.

Manila, March 2.—King Husain left for Sydney this morning after a 36-hour state visit marked by the establishment of diplomatic ties between Jordan and the Philippines.—Agence France-Presse.

Philippines kidnappers l envoy see Dorset woma

Manila, March 2.—A Philippines Government envoy has been allowed to see the British missionary, Miss Eunice Diment, by her Muslim kidnappers on the southern Philippine island of Basilan.

The emissary who returned today to Zamboanga City, 500 miles south of Manila, said she was alive and well and had asked him to give her some food. However, Colonel Cirilo Bueno, the local police chief, said the envoy was allowed to see her only briefly.

The kidnappers, led by a man who calls himself Commander Jikiri, are demanding the release of two Muslim rebels, including a cousin of Jikiri detained for alleged involvement in the kidnap of a Japanese woman last year.

The emissary reported that Miss Diment, who works for the Summer Institute guistics based at Hu Beach, California, appe fident that the military ties were doing every secure her release, acco Colonel Bueno.

The colonel said th Dimeot's landlord, a Muslim named Solaim hama, was also being the kidnappers. He ha to be taken with her w was seized at gunpoin ferry boat on Saturday

There has been no confirmation of whether nappers belong to the Moro National Liberatio (MNLF), which for t 41 months has been wa armed struggle for Musl rule in the Mindanao-Su Authorities, however, s Jikiri's group is associat the MNLF.

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Senior officials from the SEC, the Department of Justice and the State Department, have met in Washington to discuss the situation and a tentative agreement has been reached, sources say. The SEC is to hand over its Lockheed file to the Justice Department, which in turn is to hand it to the Department of State for delivery to the Japanese Government, as soon as the SEC has concluded its negotiations with Lockheed.

Mr Roderick Hills, chairman of the SEC, said in an interview with *The New York Times* that he expected to receive a new request for information from the Japanese shortly and to be in a position to comply with it. A final decision, however, will probably have to be made by President Ford, who according to Mr Ron Nessen, the White House spokesman, is completing plans for the establishment of a special committee at Cabinet level to investigate bribery by multinational corporations.

Lockheed's difficulties with the SEC have forced the company to delay its annual shareholders' meeting three times. Lockheed hopes to win the shareholders' approval for a plan to offer shares to its lending banks in order to reduce outstanding loans. This could strengthen the company's finances and enable it to achieve a position where it could look forward to repaying its government-guaranteed loans of $195m (£97.5m) by 1978.

Pressure mounts in Congress for the loans to be ended unless Lockheed makes full public disclosure about the bribes. The SEC now appears to be willing to reach an agreement with Lockheed that would not force the company to make a full public disclosure.

The sources note, however, that the five-man commission of the SEC remains divided on this point. At a minimum, it is said, the SEC will demand Lockheed agreement to the details of the bribes being handed confidentially to the foreign governments.

Our Rome Correspondent writes: General Duilio Fanali, a former chief of air staff, has been notified that he is under suspicion in connexion with the sales of Lockheed aircraft to Italy. This does not amount to a charge.

Dr Ilario Martella, a Rome magistrate, is investigating allegations of bribery in connexion with a government contract for 14 Hercules C130 long-range transport aircraft.

Justice sources said that General Fanali had earlier declared that bribery would have been pointless because the Hercules was the only aircraft of its kind on the market and the choice was a foregone conclusion.

Rabbis seek Vatican recognition of Israel

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, March 2

Israel's two chief rabbis today sought the Roman Catholic church's recognition of Israel and its help in bringing persecuted Jews from the Soviet Union and the Arab countries to Jerusalem as immigrants.

Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, of the Ashkenazi community, and Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, his Sephardic colleague, were receiving a delegation from the Vatican's commission on religious relations with Judaism, which is here for a meeting of the Jewish-Catholic religious dialogue sponsored by the Holy See.

Rabbi Goren told the delegates that he was amazed that the Vatican, which was an independent European state, had not recognized Israel at a time when it was important to eliminate animosity between religions. Rabbi Ovadia urged the Catholic delegates to support the right to free emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union, Syria and Iraq.

Father De Contenson, the secretary of the Vatican commission, told the Jewish religious leaders that the Vatican had dissociated itself from two anti-Zionist causes in the communiqué agreed by church leaders and Libyan officials at the recent meeting in Tripoli between Catholics and Muslims.

A communiqué on the Jewish-Catholic dialogue, which began yesterday, is expected later this week. Although leaders on both sides have agreed that the meeting should concentrate on religious issues and avoid politics, two resolutions of a semi-political nature have been put forward.

Father Marcel Dubois, of Jerusalem, has called on the Vatican to recognize Israel, and has denounced opposition to Zionism as "anti-Semitism in disguise", while Father Edward Flannery, of Washington, has stated that, "the modern state of Israel is the political manifestation of the deep messianic core of Judaism".

Jewish participants in the dialogue are under pressure to move towards closer relations with the Christian churches. Some of the Christian leaders are hoping for a declaration by the Jews that Christians of today bear no vicarious guilt for past persecutions of Jews. This, they feel, would match the Vatican's declaration of 10 years ago that present day Jews should not be held guilty of the persecutions of the apostles and the church.

The fact that the meeting is in Jerusalem has been welcomed by the Israelis taking part.

How America is getting tough over sex discrimination

Patricia Sullivan Lindh, one of the founders of Women in Politics, and Special Assistant for Women to President Ford, contributes this week's guest column.

Nearly two hundred years ago a group of distinguished men gathered together to formulate the Constitution of the United States. Although no ladies were invited to take part in these proceedings, several were far from silent on the subject.

Abigail Adams, whose husband, John, was the second President of the United States, wrote her husband, ". . . in the new code of laws . . . ladies will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation". John Adams' response was laughter.

On the eve of our Bicentennial the laughter has certainly subsided, but the attitude which gave rise to it, has not. No matter that it has gone underground, or into the cupboard; it still exists.

This attitude is best illustrated by a game of semantics which is often played with a woman's personality. The bright young woman on her way up in an organization is characterized as "pushy, ruthless", and, horror of horrors, "unfeminine". But a bright young man is described as a "go getter", a "hard driver" and a "man's man".

Or, to continue the game, how would you rate these descriptive adjectives on the gender scale?

Men have presence, women are domineering. Men are forceful, women are shrill. Men are judicious, women can't make up their minds. Men are firm, women are stubborn. Men are brilliant, women are just showing off.

It is no wonder that we, as women, have an identity problem.

In recent years a plethora of Bills, laws, rules and regulations have been promulgated by the United States Government to remove discrimination based on sex from every facet of American life which can be covered by legislation. In addition, the government has set up numerous committees, commissions and bureaux to deal with the issue. Chief among these are the United States Commission on Civil Rights, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The Commission on Civil Rights is essentially a research agency of the government. Its function is to document areas of discrimination and to direct the attention of the entire governmental apparatus toward the resolution of the problems.

The Women's Rights Programme Unit of the Commission on Civil Rights oversees the implementation of the commission's jurisdiction over sex discrimination, granted by the Congress and the President on October 14, 1972. The unit identifies and evaluates women's rights issues, proposes commission hearings, studies, and reports, and is involved in development of programmes which investigate issues of concern to women of all races and ethnicities. The Women's Rights Programme Unit also monitors all commission studies, to ensure that data on the status of women is properly collected.

Finally, the unit organizes and maintains active liaison with national women's rights organizations, as well as with private research institutions and federal agencies concerned with women's issues.

The commission's current and planned programme dealing with sex discrimination issues includes a number of projects. The first five volumes (of seven) of the (1974) *Federal Civil Rights Enforcement Effort* report have been published, evaluating the Federal Government's efforts to enforce existing anti-sex and race discrimination laws and to end sex and race discrimination within the government itself. The report's inclusion of sex discrimination represents an innovation in the commission's reports.

The commission has also published a study of sex and race discrimination in mortgage finance lending practices, entitled *Mortgage Money: Who Gets it?* and a study of minority and female-owned business participation in federal and state government procurement programmes, called *Minorities and Women as Government Contractors*. An investigation of the position of women and minorities in labour unions is near completion.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has authority to investigate complaints of discriminatory practices in employment, to conciliate and to recommend the initiation of civil action by the Department of Justice.

Another governmental bureau which has a direct responsibility for enforcing anti-discrimination practices in employment is the Office of Federal Contract Compliance located in the Department of Labour. The OFCC entered the picture via Presidential Executive Order 11246 which directly prohibits discrimination by corporations, organizations or institutions receiving federal contracts. As a direct result of this, the concept of affirmative action was developed. Affirmative Action and the provisions of Executive Order 11246 apply to all federal contractors employing 15 or more persons and/or with 50,000 dollars' worth of federal contracts. The carrot in this arrangement is, of course, the federal contract. The stick is the withholding or termination of the contract.

It was found through experience that the recruitment practices of the employer promoted discrimination by limiting consideration to white males. For example, many firms recruited by word of mouth. Their employees recruited their friends as vacancies occurred, following company custom as to which jobs were appropriate for minorities and for women. Also, the "elite" universities recruited from other "elite" universities, with a male professor asking another male professor for recommendations. This type of recruiting resulted in all-male faculties in some departments or schools of the top-ranked universities, even in fields where substantial numbers of women were available.

Another reason a simple legal prohibition against discrimination is very difficult to enforce is that the burden of proof is on an individual discriminated against to prove discrimination. Even if the total employment picture of an employer makes it clear that discrimination is practised, it is still very difficult to prove it in an individual case. Long-standing attitudes and habits are also hard to overcome.

The affirmative action concept was developed in response to these difficulties and provides in its barest essentials that employers must:

Analyse their employment situation by occupation and level in order to determine the areas in which they are deficient in employment of minorities and women, taking into account their availability. Set goals and timetables for correction of the deficiencies, taking into account availability of qualified minorities and women and vacancy rates. Widen their recruitment efforts in order to reach minorities and women.

There is no requirement that employers hire women or minorities who are less qualified than available white males and no requirement that they meet their goals if they can show that a good faith effort was unsuccessful in reaching the goals.

As always, the pen is mightier than the sword. The law is clear, the enforcement of the law is somewhat obscure. It is my hope that the moral imperative generated by International Women's Year will not only highlight the problems but initiate their solutions.

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rancisco, March 2.—The ion in the trial of Hearst on bank robbery today produced a witness who said he had ss Hearst scrambling to p holster and carbine e bad spilt outside the or.

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Riots on anniversary of Kenya MP's death

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, March 2

Riot police used tear gas and batons to disperse university students after demonstrations in Nairobi today on the anniversary of the disappearance and death of Mr Josiah Kariuki, the popular MP, whose murder remains an officially unsolved crime.

Mr Kariuki was seen leaving a Nairobi hotel with a senior police officer. He was not seen again until his body, with a number of bullet wounds, was found beside a lonely road in the hills outside the city.

Today, armed riot police formed a cordon in front of the Roman Catholic cathedral where thousands attended a requiem Mass. They included Mr Kariuki's three widows. After the service, students jeered and taunted the riot police who chased them using tear gas. No casualties were reported.

Earlier today, students at the Kenyatta University campus, which is separate from the main university, boycotted lectures in protest against the arrest of 10 students by plainclothes police last night. Tear gas was also used to disperse the demonstrators.

There was a further "mourning" demonstration on the main university campus last night lasting several hours, which ended peacefully.

A parliamentary select committee has found that those responsible for Mr Kariuki's death must have been known to the police. His death marked the beginning of a period of political unrest. Five other MPs are either serving prison sentences or are in detention on President Kenyatta's orders.

Mr Kariuki was regarded as a vocal politician, who frequently criticized government policies. His murder has produced an unprecedented public reaction which, to judge from today's events, has not died down.

Anti-Teng drive extends to industry and transport

From David Bonavia
Peking, March 2

The present campaign against Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, the Deputy Prime Minister, is beginning to affect industry and transport.

Numerous wall posters have appeared on railway stations between Peking and Canton, denouncing Mr Wan Li, the Minister of Railways, and referring to disputes among railway workers and officials. At the same time posters have been sighted in industrial and transport organizations in Peking and the time and energy required to put them up must at some stage disrupt work.

Other posters denouncing Mr Teng in all but name have been spotted in a secondary school and one or two slogans have begun to appear on the streets of Peking after a period during which they were confined to the premises of universities.

The Communist Party journal has accused Mr Teng—again without naming him—of "bourgeois democratic" tendencies. The posters at the universities which do name Mr Teng become rapidly more offensive and personal. However, today's article in the party journal appeared to hint that he might save himself by changing his policies.

Teachers to be issued with weapons

From Our Own Correspondent
Jerusalem, March 2

Teachers in Israel are to be issued with guns to guard their pupils against terrorist attacks. A preliminary course in marksmanship for instructors who will later teach the teachers has been announced by the Ministry of Education.

The course is being planned at the Wingate Physical Fitness Training Centre, named after the wartime British Chindit general, who helped to build Israel's future army.

The aim is to ensure that each school, kindergarten and college will have a nucleus of men and women capable of using a gun in case of attack.

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rs, March 2.—Seven members of an inter- l subversive group went before an Algerian state court today in Medea,) miles south of Algiers. ace a possible death

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teoch Interior Ministry the arrested men were in France for attacks Basque refugees in d south-west France.—

Terrorist group kill two with Sapporo bomb

Sapporo, March 2.—Two people were killed and 85 wounded, 25 seriously, today when a bomb exploded in the lobby of a local government office in Sapporo, capital of the Northern Japanese island of Hokkaido.

An extreme left-wing group, six of whose members are on trial in Tokyo for bombings in 1974, claimed responsibility. It denounced "Japanese imperialists" for occupying Hokkaido and demanded that it be returned to the original natives, the Ainu. There are now about 5,000 Ainu among Hokkaido's 5,300,000 people.

The dead were a man, aged 50, and a woman, aged 45, both local government employees.—Reuter.

Egypt buys three military hovercraft from Britain

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

President Sadat has bought three military hovercraft from Britain at a cost of more than £1.5m for coastal patrol work with the Egyptian Navy. A small team of Egyptian pilots, and engineers are now being trained to use them by the British Hovercraft Corporation at Cowes, Isle of Wight.

But the chance of a much bigger Anglo-Egyptian deal for fitting Rolls-Royce Spey engines to Egypt's Russian-built MiG-21 aircraft has been abandoned after a feasibility study by Rolls-Royce.

The study found that altering the MiG-21 to take the Spey engine would make the project too expensive. Now according to the authoritative American journal *Aviation Week*, a number of senior officers in the Egyptian Air Force are pressing President Sadat for an Egyptian-designed aircraft which could take the Spey or even the RB199 engine.

Rolls-Royce could not confirm the possibility yesterday. But a similar deal involving the Spey for an all-Chinese aircraft was agreed with China last year.

Egypt has been anxious for some time to develop its own aircraft industry. Discussions on establishing a helicopter production facility there are already well advanced with three Western companies, Westland of Britain, Aerospatiale of France and Hughes Aircraft Corporation of the United States.

Reviving the spirit of an outstanding Elizabethan

The impending creation of a Gresham College within the City University brings to an excitingly hopeful end a 400-year cycle of vicissitudes of a once-famous Elizabethan foundation.

Sir Thomas Gresham is one of the City of London's folk heroes: dominant international merchant and financier, reputed author of Gresham's Law (the first rule of sound money), builder of the Royal Exchange and pious posthumous founder of a proto-university of London City. In reality he was (besides some of those things) an ambitious and usurious moneyraiser and arms dealer, his piety was inconspicuous, and his collegiate foundation was intended, so far as we can now tell, not as a seat of academic learning like Oxford and Cambridge but as a sort of workers' educational institute to enlarge the useful knowledge of unlearned City dwellers.

Indeed, the second of the many conflicts that beset Gresham College—the first was disputes over the founder's will—occurred between the twin City trustees, who wanted to control and organize it like others of their major charities, such as Sir Richard Whittington's great almshouse bequest, and the Gresham professors, who demanded academic self-rule like that of their Oxford and Cambridge colleges. That this contest was never resolved, with the result that the trustees lost much of their sense of responsibility, while the professors corporately gained none, was one of the underlying reasons for the decline of the college over the centuries.

By his will dated July 5, 1575, Gresham left the Royal Exchange, which he had built on land given by the City Corporation, and his house in Bishopsgate to the corporation and the Mercers' Company jointly and equally, subject to his widow's life interest and to the charge that they appoint and pay seven professors in divinity, astronomy, rhetoric, music, geometry, physic and law. Since he had earlier promised to leave the Royal Exchange to those two beneficiaries without strings, and since the house, in which the professors had to be lodged gratis, was not an income-earning asset, his benefaction was not costly to his residual estate.

Besides its ambiguity of purpose and weakness of structure the bequest also had two defects that were strange coming from so shrewd a man of business. One was that the professors' fixed payment was the sole charitable charge upon the endowment, any residue accruing to the two trustee bodies themselves. When there was a deficit, the college suffered; when there was a surplus, the City and the Mercers took it for their own benefit. In fact, the accounts were often in the red, thanks largely to the destruction of the Royal Exchange in the Great Fire of 1666 and again by fire in 1938.

Secondly, by appointing two co-equal corporate trustees, Gresham fixed responsibility for the future of his college upon neither. Blame for neglect could not be accepted, nor pride in achievement taken, by either the City or the Mercers Company, and the membership of their Joint Grand Gresham Committee changed too quickly for it to serve as a single far-sighted trustee.

However, the professors contributed as much as the trustees to the decay of the original Gresham College. Though some of them in early days, like the geometer Hooke, were highly worthy scholars, the professorships, with their honorific status, their stipend of £50 a year (more than Regius professors were paid), their free residence, tenure for life and unexacting duties, were objects of patronage too valuable for mere merit. Even Monarchs, not to mention Puritan power-holders, intervened personally to sway the appointment of their protégés. As obtained, so served: many of the professors neglected their duties or employed ill-paid locums, some let their lodgings for profit (even as warehouses), others required stabling for their horses and other structural disturbances. Small wonder that Sir Thomas's house decayed.

Conditions grew worse after the Great Fire, when the professors were laid off while the City Corporation and the Mercers Company, which had lost their halls, temporarily occupied Gresham College and the endowment fell deep in debt for the cost of rebuilding the Royal Exchange. Nevertheless, the college remained in its original home for nearly two hundred years, and it was there, during its second century, that it achieved fresh fame as the first home of the Royal Society. At length the place was sold to the Crown in 1768 by Act of Parliament and pulled down to make way for London's excise office.

Thereafter the Gresham lectures were given in the Royal Exchange until the second fire, when the building known as Gresham College, including a lecture hall but little else collegiate, was built by the trustees at the corner of Basinghall and Cateaton (now Gresham) streets. By this time all vestige of corporate academic character had gone: the bequest had dwindled to a disconnected syllabus of lectures to a drifting public.

Decadence and impoverishment were punctuated by efforts at reform, which were frustrated as often by the professors as by others. During the nineteenth century alone, there were projects for enlarging the utility of the lectures by linking them with the London Institution for the Advancement of Literature and the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge (a fair paraphrase of Gresham's purpose), the City of London School, the Association of Evening Classes at old Crosby Hall, the City and Guilds Institute, the London Society for the Extension of University Teaching, and the University of London itself. When plans were afoot for turning the last from an examining into a teaching university, in 1892 the Privy Council actually agreed, on the initiative of the Gresham committee, that, incorporating the ancient professorships, it should be called Gresham University. *The Times* commented: "A historic name, and the alliance of the greatest city of the world, must be welcomed by all friends of the university." All this, however, came to naught.

A new light gleamed when, in 1964, the City University was created on the platform of the Northampton College of Technology in Clerkenwell. Soon afterwards the Gresham lectures were incorporated into the extra-curricular activities of the new university, which also came to occupy, at a root involving a substantial benefaction from the trustees, a large part of Gresham College for its Graduate Business Centre.

Now, thanks largely to the vision and energy of the City University's pro-Chancellor, Lord Alport, a much more radical and imaginative plan is about to come to fruition. A new Gresham College, integral to the university itself, is to be created as a major centre of education and learning within the City (its eventual home is intended to be in the Barbican), bringing together academics from different disciplines as in an Oxford or Cambridge college and embracing the tradition of scholarship (but not the less savoury parts of the tradition) of the Gresham foundation. This concept, which is seen as the dynamic basis for the university's future development, will, it is hoped, by attracting eminent scholars, particularly from abroad, as Gresham Fellows, enhance its national and international reputation.

The college will combine the Graduate Business Centre, the new International Banking and Finance Unit, the university's existing courses in the arts and related extra-mural studies, and of course the Gresham Professorships; and one may hope, the further extension of teaching and research in fields of special concern to the City, such as accountancy, commercial and international law, and modern languages.

The Gresham professors will continue to be appointed by the City Corporation and the Mercers Company, which will be represented on the Council of the College, though any extension of their presently modest duties will be the responsibility of the university. The concept is a splendid one which the Gresham committee has warmly approved. Four hundred years after his death, it brings to new life, in the spirit of the founder's intention, the ill-fated benefaction of an unstinting Elizabethan.

H. V. Hodson

sygin attack on mismanagement

w, March 2.—The fifth Soviet Communist ngress today centred its on yesterday's report Kosygin, the Prime , on the Soviet economy. rt which turned out to positive than preliminary accounts had indi-

lexander Lishko, the of the Ukraine Repub- d for congress delegates rse the report, which economic achievements past five years and set for the new five-year Other Soviet speakers e expected to approve rt.

arty newspaper *Pravda* published a complete Mr Kosygin's economic ut its version contained r of critical remarks ded in the text released by Tass.

avda account quoted Mr as saying that in cer- ls only between 60 and nt of target levels had been reached and that several thousands of millions of roubles were lost each year through mismanagement. (The rouble is officially valued at 0.75 of the American dollar.)

The Prime Minister complained: "The rhythm at which technical progress is being made is unsatisfactory", *Pravda* said. "Because of these faults, the economy is suffering massive losses to the tune of several thousands of millions of roubles a year."

Mr Kosygin also attacked economic planners, saying that "the excessive time taken to draw up plans entails a weakening of control over economic organs".

Several foreign representatives spoke at today's session of the congress, which is due to end on Friday, according to Mr Victor Afanassiev, the congress spokesman.

Herr Herbert Meiss, the West German party leader, condemned Maoism and said that "anti-Sovietism is the most dangerous form of anti-communism". The congress was a "compass guiding a struggle for peace".

Mr Abdullah Abmar, representing the ruling Syrian Baath socialist party, read a message from President Assad thanking the Soviet Union for its support of the Arab people's struggle.

Mr Meir Vilner, the Israeli Communist Party delegate, condemned all anti-Sovietism and called for the evacuation of all Arab territories occupied by Israel and the establishment of a sovereign Palestinian state.

Other speakers included President Muhammad Siad Barre of Somalia, the only foreign head of state to attend the conference except for President Ceausescu, of Romania, who has returned to Bucharest. A second representative from Africa was Mr Mamadi Keita of Guinea, who read a message to Mr Brezhnev, the party leader, from President Sekou Touré.—Agence France-Presse.

Jordanian chief for United Arab Emirates forces

Abu Dhabi, March 2.—Major General Awwad al-Khalidi, a Jordanian officer, has been appointed the first Chief of Staff of the United Arab Emirates' armed forces, officials said here today.

The appointment was approved at a Cabinet meeting yesterday and President Shaikh Zaid of the UAE later signed a decree confirming the appointment. General Khalidi is Jordan's former Deputy Chief of Staff.

The Federal Government created by the seven Trucial Oman states after the British withdrawal in 1971, took over the British-officered Trucial Oman Scouts and converted them into the UAE defence force. This force has expanded rapidly since its creation but is still dwarfed in size and armaments by the Abu Dhabi defence force.—Reuter.

Football

Bayern are beginning to move like champions

The European Cup is this season truly a tournament of champions. The West German holders, Bayern Munich, their compatriots Borussia Mönchen Gladbach, who won the Uefa Cup last May, and the crack Russian team, Dinamo Kiev, who hold the Cup Winners' Cup, are competing. They have avoided each other in tba quarter-final draw, opening the possibility of all three reaching the semi-final round.

Beckenbauer's Bayern, trying to win the cup for the third year running, travel to Lisbon to play Benfica, who themselves twice took the European title in the early sixties. With the World Cup stars, Müller and Hoeness, fit again after depressing injuries, Bayern have begun to move like thoroughbreds, but the Portuguese champions, backed by vociferous supporters, will be quick to exploit any slackness in defence tonight.

The legendary Real Madrid visit the West German champions, Borussia Mönchen Gladbach. Borussia have moved the match to Düsseldorf, which can house twice the crowd of their own ground. Real's midfield is fuelled by the West German stars, Netzer and Breitner, and the manager, Miljan Milpanic, hopes their determination to do extra well before their former supporters may give the Spanish champions the edge. Netzer will be playing against his former team.

Borussia, who hold almost a monopoly of the midfield in West Germany's line-up, lost at home last week for the first time this season. They need to take a substantial lead to Madrid. In the previous round England's Derby County found that 4—1 was not enough.

Another European Cup aspirant who have moved the ground of their home leg is Dinamo Kiev, who will receive St Etienne, of France, in Simferopol, in the Crimea—more temperate than the Ukraine. Dinamo, who in effect double as the Russian national side, will depend primarily on Europe's Footballer of the Year, Oleg Blokhin, to take a lead with them to France in two weeks' time. Kiev will lack their injured midfield star, Monatyan, and St Etienne's 20-year-old Rocheteau, and the Revelli brothers, will be eager to mount sharp counter-attacks.

The remaining European Cup groups Hajduk Split with PSV Eindhoven. The Yugoslavs, emerging from a midwinter break, which may also handicap Dinamo Kiev—they beat the Kiev team 3—0 in a recent friendly—strode majestically through the earlier rounds and take some holding on their own ground.

Their football is a reminder that the name Hajduk is taken from the bold mercenaries who defended the Dalmatian coast against invaders 400 years ago. The new Dutch champions, who have lost the lead in their home league, will do well to prevent the World Cup star, Surjak, and his International colleagues from setting up a formidable lead.

The Football Association yesterday confirmed England's three dates and venues for the United States bicentennial tournament in the coming summer. The matches are: England v Brazil, in Los Angeles, on Sunday, May 23 (2.30), England v Italy, in New York, on Friday, May 28 (8.0), England v United States, in Philadelphia, on Monday, May 31 (noon).

Today's fixtures

European Cup
Quarter-final round (first leg)
Benfica v Bayern Munich (7.0)
Dinamo Kiev v St Etienne (4.0)
Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia) v PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) (4.0)
Borussia Mönchen Gladbach (West Germany) v Real Madrid (7.15)

European Cup Winners Cup
Quarter-final round (first leg)
Anderlecht (Belgium) v Wrexham (7.0)
Celtic v Sachsenring Zwickau (East Germany) (8.0)
Den Haag (Netherlands) v West Ham United (7.0).

UEFA Cup
Quarter-final round (first leg)
Dinamo Dresden (East Germany) v Liverpool (4.30)
Bruges (Belgium) v AC Milan (7.0)
Hamburg v Stal Mielec (Poland) (4.30)
Barcelona v Levski Spartak (Bulgaria) (7.45)

First division
Newcastle United v Stoke City (7.30)
Fourth division
Crewe Alexandra v Watford (7.30)

UEFA youth tournament
England v Wales (Maine Road, Manchester, 7.30)

Scottish premier division
Dundee United v Ayr United (7.30)

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final round (first leg): Yeovil v Kettering (7.30). Premier division: Hover v Bedford (7.30), Wimbledon v Cambridge City (7.30). First division (North): Bury Town v Enderby (7.30). Milton Keynes v Redditch (7.30).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Worksop v Goole (7.30).

Rugby League
First division
Hull KR v Wakefield (7.30)
Wigan v Bradford Northern (7.30)

Rugby Union
Bridgend v Bristol (7.15)

HOCKEY: London league: Cheam v London University. Oxford University v Hawks. Hill championship: Final: Exeter v Bristol (Moriands RC, Glastonbury, 2.30). Other matches: Cambridge University v Cambridge City. London University Amateurs v Kent University. RMCS Shrivenham v Southampton University.

David goes forth with spirit in his sling to slay the Belgian giant

From Geoffrey Green
Brussels, March 2

After a lengthy midwinter hibernation European competition comes alive again and tomorrow will bring the first legs in the quarter-final stages of three tournaments. To the astonishment and delight of many people outside the Principality, Wrexham, of the third division, are still among the contenders and have arrived here to pit their spirit in the Cup Winners' Cup against the power of Anderlecht, many times champions of Belgium, and now standing second to Bruges in their national league.

On paper it looks to be a case of David against Goliath. But few things turn out to be what they seem and that will not disturb the Welshmen. They enjoy being mistakenly classed among the under-privileged. Unbeaten in their four ties so far, they have reached this exalted stage by disposing of Djurgaarden, of Sweden, and Stal Rzeszow, the sturdy Poles.

Anderlecht, on the other hand, although packed with Belgian internationals as well as four distinguished mercenaries from the Netherlands—among them the Dutch World Cup players, Rensenbrink and Haan—have lost twice on their travels to Rapid Bucharest, the Romanians, and Borac Banja Luka, of Yugoslavia, finally relying on their strength at home to see them through. They may need that strength tomorrow.

The question is whether little Wrexham can again defy the laws of probability and gravity. That is what adds spice and a touch of romance to the occasion. When the draw for this round was made Anderlecht were more concerned about where Wrexham lay on too map and whether there was an aerodrome nearby than with the ability of their opponents. They may hold a little more respect for these Welshmen before it is all over and will certainly be surprised to find themselves playing in the centre of a racecourse for the return match in a fortnight's time.

Were it a mere question of pedigree then Anderlecht would seem to possess too much of everything. Last year they gave Leeds United a hard run for their money in the European Cup. But football is more than a case of distinguished names and experience. Spirit counts, too, and this will be the ammunition in Wrexham's sling as they confront the giant.

Aarfon Griffiths and his team are no respecters of reputations. His leadership alone has grown by leaps and bounds, fed by what he has learnt with his national side as Wales carry the lone British flag proudly into the last stages of the European championship.

The scorer of vital goals, Griffiths will be supported in a midfield quartet by Sutton, Whitide and Thomas. These provide the support for Ashcroft and either Lee (doubtful with a calf strain) or Tinnion up front, men little known to the public at large, but men with character who have surprised everyone by coming this far along a difficult road. Anderlecht—Rensenbrink, Haan and Dockx and all—could make a big mistake if they underrate them.

There is a homely atmosphere about the Anderlecht stadium. It has the same friendly air of Craven Cottage at Fulham. True, there is no River Thames, nor wild duck and geese, nor river craft to decorate one side of the ground. But behind one goal tall poplar trees, as at Craven Cottage, overlook the terracing and—is it imagination?—lean forward to catch a closer glimpse of the play.

But uniquely, perhaps, a brass band usually plays throughout a match here, seemingly never stopping to draw breath. Sometimes they prove to be the best players of all. Should they choose the right programme on the morrow then Wrexham, from the land of song, may find the music taking them where their hearts want to go—against all the odds. Probable teams:

WREXHAM: A. Lloyd; M. Evans, E. May, G. Davis, D. Fogg, M. Sutton, G. Whitide, M. Thomas, A. Griffiths, W. Ashcroft, S. Lee (or S. Tinnion).

ANDERLECHT: Dujardin; Van Der Haegen, Lozano, Broos, Dockx, Haan, Coeck, Van Der Elst, Rensenbrink, Van Gerven, Rensenbrink.

Derby draw incites Leeds war of words

Leeds Utd 1 Derby Co 1

Amid the excitement and pandemonium usually reserved for the most vital of cup ties, Leeds United and Derby County took one point each in a bruisingly contested draw at Elland Road. Both goals were dubious affairs, and after the match the Leeds manager, Jimmy Armfield, wondered aloud the validity of the Derby goal, in that no other player seemed to touch a free kick by Gemmill on its way into the net.

Leeds were brutally handicapped by injury, Eddie Gray joining McQueen, Bremner and Lorimer on the treatment table. Into the side for his first full game for two seasons came Bates. The first moment of real threat was a flick by Clarke which sent Jordan through. The centre forward ran into the penalty area, but shot wide.

Derby went ahead with a remarkable goal. A swerving free kick by Gemmill seemed harmless as it curled into the penalty area, but McFarland and his shadow, Jordan, ran across Harvey's vision as the goalkeeper came out and the ball went round Harvey into the net.

Leeds, in fact, came back splendidly and furiously in a game charged with a lot of tension and no little feeling.

McKenzie headed into the Derby net, but a free kick was awarded to Derby for hand ball. Then Moseley saved brilliantly from a header by Frank Gray.

Derby's cool and resourceful defence was, however, holding out well, and Todd was defusing every potential explosive situation. So commanding was McFarland in the penalty area that Leeds seemed unlikely, for all their frantic effort, to get an equalizer.

When it came it was as unexpected as the Derby goal. Yorath crossed the ball, Clarke stumbled, and the crowd gave a stentorian appeal for a penalty which was answered in the affirmative by Mr Daniels. Seemingly Thomas was adjudged to have impeded Clarke and there was an enormous roar from the Leeds crowd when Frank Gray hit home the penalty, the first Leeds goal at home since January 10 against Stoke City.

James was injured and was replaced by the man who is making a career out of the substitute position, the lanky Davies, and the unflagging and often brutal pace continued.

During the interval there was much argument about the validity of the Derby goal. The referee's upraised arm had indicated an indirect free kick, yet no one seemed to touch the ball as it swerved gently past the surprised Harvey.

Harvey had to make two desperate punches as Derby briefly surged forward. Then Clarke brought a diving save from Moseley and this was the signal for a great assault by Leeds. The referee had considerable difficulty keeping order as the tension boiled over into a series of fouls and feuds, and there was general surprise when McFarland was not cautioned after he tripped Jordan as the centre forward raced clear towards goal. Todd similarly escaped drastic punishment when he fouled Clarke.

It must be made clear that Leeds were by no means sinless in respect of what is euphemistically called hard tackling, and play was constantly interrupted by free kicks. The pace continued to be exhaustingly frenetic, with most of the traffic towards a Derby defence in which McFarland and Todd remained the undaunted and unflappable figures.

LEEDS UNITED: D. Harvey; P. Reaney, F. Gray, M. Bates, P. Madeley, N. Hunter, B. McKenzie, A. Clarke, J. Jordan, T. Yorath, T. Cherry.

DERBY COUNTY: G. Moseley; R. Thomas, R. Nish, B. Newton, R. McFarland, C. Todd, J. Bourne, A. Gemmill, K. Hector, C. George, L. James.

Substitute: R. Davies.

Referee: H. Daniels (Brentwood).

W Ham make no apology for going defensive

From Norman Fox
The Hague, March 2

West Ham United have acknowledged that what they have failed to achieve in the Football League they must make up for in this season's European Cup Winners' Cup. So in a quarter-final round tie against Den Haag here tomorrow they will be unapologetically defensive, especially as only a short time before he left home John Lyall, their manager, heard that Bronking had influenza and could not join the party.

Brooking also missed the second round first leg match against Ararat Yerevan in the Soviet Union, but there, after an incomparably more arduous journey, West Ham drew 1—1 before winning 3—1 at home for a place in the last eight. Their ambition here is to do likewise and ignore domestic performances, not least Saturday's 4—0 defeat by Manchester United at Old Trafford.

Mr Lyall will not announce his team until tomorrow, not only because of Brooking's absence. Several players were battered and bruised at Old Trafford and although Lampard, who deliberately missed that game, is to play, Holland is out and McDowell, who has a bruised instep, will have a fitness test in the morning. If, as has been suggested, West Ham plant a blanket defence against a physically strong Den Haag team, they will have to include Curbishley, the most promising of their youngsters, in a cover of five men—the others being Bonds, who has had no ill effects since his long-awaited comeback against United, McGiven, Tommy Taylor, and Lock.

The absence of Brooking for this first leg is not as serious as it would be for a return match if, as is expected, Den Haag at least hold West Ham to a draw. Den Haag have no injury problems, mainly because they did not play at the weekend. They are reputed to be "English" in style—that is, muscular and fast—with an adventurous "sweeper" in the 32-year-old Mansveld, an international who was sent to England to watch West Ham play Leeds United. They recently drew with Ajax and obviously have a number of players capable of examining even a five-man defence. The best of these is probably Van Leeuwen, who has impressed Mr Lyall, also Ron Greenwood and Bill Nicholson, all of whom have been here in recent weeks on "fact-finding missions".

In prospect, then, this is a match characteristic of first-leg European ties, with West Ham having only two attacking players, Alan Taylor, and Robson, but at least having some justification for being withdrawn. An away goal would be a bonus, but the longer-term hopes are for the home victory, to make some profit for the first time in Europe this season, and later to avoid Eintracht, Anderlecht and, of course, Celtic, all of whom should win first-leg ties, on the way to repeating their European Cup Winners' Cup Final defeat over Munich 1860 at Wembley 11 years ago.

DEN HAAG (probable): Thijssen; Calowe, Van Vliet, Mansveld, Koreman, Ouwehand, Peraziz, Schoenmaker, Kika, Jol, Van Leeuwen.

WEST HAM UNITED (from): Ray; McDowell, Lampard, Curbishley, Bonds, T. Taylor, McGiven, Lock, Jennings, A. Taylor, Paddon, Brooking, Robson.

Dresden puts a glaze on Liverpool's performance

From Gerry Harrison
Dresden, March 2

After the midwinter sleep of the European football competitions, Liverpool, England's most experienced travellers, find themselves here on the banks of the Elbe attempting to recapture happy memories in their search for valuable souvenirs. Porcelain and pewter are not to be found on their list of priorities. Their sights are firmly set on more practical things, the first leg of the quarter-final round in the Uefa Cup against Dynamo Dresden.

The memories are of three years ago when Liverpool beat Dresden in both legs, also in the quarter-final round, went on to win the competition and complete an impressive double by pocketing the League championship and a major European trophy in the same season. While they are in East Germany, Liverpool, the 2-1 favourites, might well be knocked of their perch at the top of the first division. Yet the parallel with 1973 is a strong one and not much to the liking of the folk of Dresden.

In 12 consecutive seasons among the European aristocracy, Liverpool have built a reputation of rock. Barcelona, AC Milan, Bruges, Levsky Spartak, Hamburg, and Stal Mielec are still in the same race, but it was Liverpool they all wanted to avoid.

Dresden have also been hit by suspensions. They will badly miss Kreische, the international who scores so many goals coming through from midfield, and Doerner the sweeper. The international arena of club and country has not seen the best of the talented Kreische, who made only fleeting appearances in the 1974 World Cup across the border because of injury and without him East Germany were strictly functional and uninspired.

Liverpool are themselves not at full strength. Toshack has been left behind to ensure that treatment to a troublesome thigh injury will get him fit for the weekend.

Yesterday's results

First division
Leeds Utd (1) 1 F. Gray (pen) 40,608 — Derby Co (1) 1 Gemmill

Second division
Bolton (0) 0 23,540 — Oxford Utd (0) 1 Briggs
Luton (0) 1 Husband — S'thampton (0) 0 13,757
Orient (0) 0 9,754 — Charlton A (0) 1 Hales

Third division
Halifax (0) 0 5,676 — Sheffield W (0) 0

Fourth division
Reading (1) 1 Murray (pen) — Newport (0) 0 6,511
Scunthorpe (3) 5 Collier (2) Green (2) Oates — Hartlepool (0) 1 Smith 2,966

Other match
QPR (1) 1 McLintock — Moscow D (0) 0 3,710

UEFA CUP: Quarter-final round: Eintracht Frankfurt 2, Sturm Graz (Austria) 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Margate 3, Billingham 1; Stourbridge 3, Tonbridge 0. First division (North): Corby 0, Merthyr Tydfil 1; Wellingborough 2, King's Lynn 2. South: Romford 2, Crawley 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Netherfield 0, Runcorn 1.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Staines 1, Ilford 0.

SCHOOL MATCH: Haileybury 3, Oratory 1.

RUGBY UNION: Leicester 7, Moseley 13; Newport 52, Abertillery 23.

HOCKEY: Representative match: Civil Service 3, RAF 1.

Skating

Disappointing start for Curry as Kovalyov edges into the lead

From John Hennessy
Göteburg, March 2

John Curry, the Olympic champion, suffered something of a setback here today when he set out to add the world figure skating championship to his impressive array of achievements this year. After the three compulsory figures he lies second to Vladimir Kovalyov, of the Soviet Union, winner of the Olympic silver medal at Innsbruck last month, followed by Jan Hoffman, of East Germany, and David Santee, of the United States.

There is no need, not yet anyway, for people at home to be casting blocks of concrete for attachment to their feet. Clear winner though Kovalyov was today, he has achieved only a small lead in real terms, a lead that could easily be overturned in cittier tomorrow's short programme or Thursday night's free skating, or, of course, both.

The final computation of the results when the computer stops ticking is complex enough to analyze intermediate positions tends to extract as many interpretations as there are mathematicians to work on them. But the result of the figures below will show that Kovalyov had 10.5 place marks to Curry's 22.5 and 45.56 points to Curry's 43.92. There is no room for argument there.

The points give a better idea of the position. They have been, as they say in the trade, "factored down" (reduced by 60 per cent), and therefore represent a straight addition to the marks that will appear on the television screens on Thursday night. The short programme tomorrow will be subject to the same reduction.

The figures will show that the first two skaters are separated by 1.64 points. These are spread across nine judges, so that, on average, each judge has marked Curry down, in comparison with Kovalyov, by less than a fifth of a point. This could easily be made good, quite apart from what may happen in the short programme, by Curry outscoring the Russian in the free by 0.1 of a mark in both technical merit and artistic impression. He did that with something to spare at Innsbruck.

Yet, when all is said, this was a disappointing morning in the cathedral cool and quiet of the Scandinavium, an arena left behind. I would think, by some obsolete aircraft and refurbished by the man who prepares the graphics for *Monty Python*. Perhaps it will look less prosaic when the 14,000 paying customers arrive to fill the seats instead of the 1400 or so who supplemented the officials and other freeloaders today.

Comparisons between competitions can be dangerous, especially where statistics are concerned, but there can be only one way of interpreting the fact that, whereas Kovalyov successively improved on his Innsbruck marks (gross marks, that is, before reduction by 60 per cent) by 0.8 (rockers), 1.4 (paragraph brackets) and 1.3 marks (loops), Curry successively dropped by 0.3, 1.3 and 1.0 marks.

Curry was runner-up in the figures in Innsbruck, too, but on that occasion to Sergei Volkov, another Russian who has withdrawn from the fray. Kovalyov was third there and never able to get a toe rake in front of Curry. Now that he has, we await to discover if he will be suitably inspired and Curry correspondingly deflated. Those are the questions that the next two days will answer.

Kovalyov, it may be recalled, is the man whom Curry beat by only five judges' placings to four in the European Championships at Geneva in January, a man good enough to win the European championship last year, a man good enough to finish in front of Curry (and runner-up to Volkov) in last year's world championship, a man therefore not to be trifled with. But her the cement wait at least until tomorrow before pitching in the sand, the water and the length of chain.

Toller Cranston, the Canadian winner of the bronze medal at Innsbruck, had a poor morning, losing all along the line in comparison. He was totally unhinged by the loops, faithful friends of his at Innsbruck.

Hoffman remains too close to Curry for comfort. He does not have Curry's artistry of course, no man does, but he is a superb technician and if he can avoid the sort of disaster that overtook him in the short programme at Innsbruck (he fell on his double axel) he will have us biting our British nails on Thursday, whatever Kovalyov might do. Certainly the gold medal lies among these three.

Carlo Fassi, Curry's American mentor, offers the explanation that the ice at Helsinki, where Curry has been training, recently, was poor for figure practice because it was too white and therefore yielded obscure tracings. If this is the case it would suggest poor supervision rather than poor ice.

The other two British skaters, Robin Cousins and Glyn Jones, were placed 14th and 15th in a field of 21 in the figures. Among individual judges only one placed Curry above Kovalyov—Pamela Peat, of Britain. The Canadian judge, Joan Maclagan, marked them equal first.

Irina Rodnina, seven times world champion, and her husband, Aleksandr Zaitsev, three times previously her accomplice, went through part of the formalities of making their scores eight and four, respectively, in the evening. They won the short programme with an impressive array of 8.9s, marred only by two marks of 5.8. By way of compensation their compatriot, Valentin Piseyeva, awarded them the maximum score of 5.0 for technical merit.

It was a glittering little performance, their one-hand lasso lift held, it seemed, for an eternity, their double loop jumps cleanly executed, their camel spins perfectly synchronized, their death spiral sweeping the ice, the whole performance carried through with breathtaking speed.

Irina Vorobyeva and Aleksandr Vlasov, the second Russian pair, took third place in preference to Manuela Gross and Uwe Kagelmann (East Germany), the only change at the top compared with Innsbruck. The young Americans, Tai Babilonia and Randolph Gardner, are fifth again, to the disappointment of their well-wishers. They were well below their best, particularly with disastrously ill-attuned camel spins. They were, though, placed third by the United States judge, Mrs Lloyd Sanderson.

MEN'S COMPULSORY FIGURES: 1, V. Kovalyov (USSR), 13.5 placements, 45.56 points; 2, J. Curry (GB), 22.5, 43.92; 3, J. Hoffman (E Germany), 29.5, 43.28; 4, B. Santee (US), 26.5, 43.36; 5, T. Cranston (Canada), 31.5, 43.12; 6, H. Sato (Japan), 33.0, 43.08; 7, T. Kubota (US), 42.0, 41.28; 8, Igor Bobrin (USSR), 45.5, 41.24; 9, J. Paddock (Czechoslovakia), 42.0, 41.12; 10, P. Leskinen (Finland), 48.5, 41.04; 11, K. Kolsova (USSR), 41.0, 40.92; 12, C. Boyadjian (France), 41.0, 40.56; British placings: 14, R. Cousins, 122.0, 38.04; 15, G. Jones, 170.0, 37.92.

PAIRS SHORT PROGRAMME: 1, I. Rodnina and A. Zaitsev (USSR), 9 placements, 35.34 points; 2, R. Kermer and R. Osterreich (E Germany), 23.0, 34.12; 3, I. Vorobyeva and A. Vlasov (USSR), 31.0, 33.36; 4, M. Gross and U. Kagelmann (E Germany), 33.0, 33.71; 5, T. Babilonia and R. Gardner (US), 41.0, 33.04; 6, N. Gorshkova and E. Shelukhina (USSR), 36.0, 32.76; 7, K. Stolfig and V. Kempe (E Germany), 42.0, 31.92; 8, C. Halke and E. Rausch (W Germany), 49.0, 31.64; 9, A. Cook and W. Fauver (US), 38.0, 29.71; 10, I. Salnikova and A. Spiegl (Czechoslovakia), 38.0, 29.13; 11, U. Kerner and M. Nerrec (Austria), 104.0, 25.25; 12, C. Jones and D. Fraser (Canada), 133.5, 23.39; 13, O. Beck and J. Stahl (W Germany), 107.0, 26.02.

Leicester sorely miss England men

By Peter Marson

Leicester 7 Moseley 13

With both sides without many of their leading players on a fine mild evening at Welford Road, Moseley beat Leicester by a goal, a try, and a penalty goal, to a try and a penalty goal. Perhaps Leicester suffered most, for with Horton's forwards in fine form, Peter Wheeler and the new England cap, Garry Adey, were sorely missed.

Having kicked off, Moseley spent the first quarter of an hour testing Leicester's defence. Everett, at stand-off half, rather overdid his examination of Solomons, probably Leicester's fourth choice at full back (Money, Rose and Denner would have taken precedence) with a series of towering kicks, all of them too strong. Then, infringements at a set scrummage and at a lineout allowed Leicester to escape when deep in their own territory.

But Moseley were aligned in attack once again when Leicester fell offside at a ruck, and Akenhead stepped up to place a simple penalty goal from 20 yards out and in front of the posts.

It was by way of a rapier-like thrust from Jones that Moseley's grip was broken eventually, if only momentarily, but though Leicester spun the ball out from a succession of scrummages and rucks outside Moseley's line, they failed to penetrate an alert, sound defence.

With more ball from the set pieces and in the loose, where Moseley were superior in providing a fast, clean service, it was not long before Leicester were again encumbered with the chores of defence. Moseley's industry was rewarded on the stroke of half-time, fittingly through the work of all eight forwards, who, having been marshalled by Horton, forced their way over the line from a short penalty five yards out with Brindley being credited with the try. Akenhead converted.

Barker brought Leicester their first three points with his second attempt at goal at the start of the second half. After 25 minutes Leicester's backs made a fluent movement with Holley making a strong break in the centre, and Barker a determined dash down the left wing, and Leicester's forwards formed up at a lineout on Moseley's line. White, having leapt to gather the ball, had merely to dive to score his try.

If Leicester now scented a chance to move in for the kill, then they were to be disappointed. For Moseley mounted a powerful counter-attack with Hill breaking down the centre of the field to put Thomas away with a beautiful pass. Hill appeared again to receive the wing's return pass and he scored by the right corner flag.

LEICESTER: S. Solomons; C. Hensley, T. Holley, K. Bracewell, R. Barker; L. J. Jones, S. Kennedy; R. Cowling, J. White, R. French, R. E. Rowe, J. N. Joyce, J. Kemplin, R. Collington, J. Millican.

MOSELEY: R. Akenhead; A. Thomas, A. Watson-Jones, A. W. Hill, R. Smith; E. C. Everett, J. Wilson; J. Heald, A. Brindley, J. Moore, N. E. Horton, R. Field, S. King, B. Ayre, D. Warren.

Referee: D. J. Wilson (Yorkshire).

Rugby Union

Rosslyn Park strong despite changes

Rosslyn Park will field a strong side against Loughborough Colleges under the Roehampton floodlights tonight (7.30), despite having made several changes. They will be without Kent (centre), McKay (wing), Mantell (lock), and Ripley (No 8). Finskey will play at centre, Lloyd on the wing, Bambridge will deputise for Mantell, and Starling will replace Ripley.

Peter Carroll, the Junior All Black flanker, will return to the Harlequins side for their visit to Leicester on Friday night. Carroll had three impressive games for Harlequins in November before going to France on business. His return will enable Grant to move to the centre in place of Cooke, who is playing for England against Ireland the following day. Johnson, the hooker, has recovered from rib injury and will take over from Brabins.

Patrick Lavery will replace Shackleton, who is unavailable, at stand-off half in the Richmond team for Saturday morning's match (11.0) against London Scottish. Richmond will be trying for a fourth successive win over the joint tenants of the Athletic Ground.

London Scottish have switched McHarg to No 8—the position in which he has been selected by Scotland this season—for the match. McHarg, who normally plays at lock for his club, asked for the move in order to become used to the position before the international against Ireland on March 20. Graham Fraser will change places with McHarg. John Fraser, the prop, Clark, the hooker, and Biggar, the flanker, are fit to return to the pack.

This summer London Scottish will be among the British rugby clubs going to the United States to help celebrate the bicentenary. The Scots will tour from May 21 to June 26, starting with two matches in New York. They will then go to Washington and Philadelphia for a tournament.

Andy Mulligan, the former Irish international scrum half, will play at full back for an Irish veterans side against their English counterparts at Sunbury on Friday. And if he is not suffering from jet lag after a flight from the United States, Tony O'Reilly will also turn out.

The England side, organized by Jeff Butterfield, the former England centre, will include Jim Hetherington, Mike Davis and John Curry.

Alex Nowberry, the London Irish prop, who was sent off in the match against Richmond on Saturday, has been left out of the side to meet St Mary's Hospital at Teddington on Saturday (11.0).

One day England's best scrum half could claim his place

Hignell victim of versatility

It was Arthur Rees, the Welsh international forward of the 1930s, now chief constable of Staffordshire, whom I quoted the other day as saying that England were persisting in playing their best scrum half at full back. It might well be suggested that Alastair Hignell has become a victim of his own versatility, although he himself is naturally well satisfied, in only his second first class season of rugby, to have won four consecutive caps for his country. His first was against Australia in Brisbane last June. This season, he has appeared in all three international against Australia, Wales and Scotland. "Playing at full back", he observes, wryly, "seems to have done me no harm so far".

Indeed, it has not, and his performance here has been improving with every encounter. This has been especially evident in his line kicking, which against Australia, on a testing, windy day in early January, was a long way short of requirement. In fairness to him on that occasion, it should be mentioned that because of an injury to his left ankle at the start of the Cambridge season, which still troubled him a little in the short time he had to get himself ready for England, he deliberately avoided using his left foot beforehand. But he has been working hard on it since, even though, on his own admission, it may not yet be quite as good as the other one in the heat of the moment.

It is understandable that Hignell should be happy to play where the England selectors want him. However, shrewd judges who have followed his career since he was at Denstone College and captain of the England 19 Group side will agree with the chief constable's judgment. It would find echoes at his club, Bristol, and it certainly is endorsed by David Ives, the headmaster of Denstone College preparatory school at Smallwood Manor, Uttoxeter.

"How I sympathize", he writes, "with Alastair Hignell for having to play out of position. I must declare my interest—I coached him for his last two seasons at prep school and subsequently he came to France on tour with the Smallwood side until he was 15, always playing at scrum half. If ever I saw a world class scrum half in the making, it was him. He is a great tactician, built like an Edwards or a Going, and I was sorry he had to play stand-off so often at Denstone and later full back at Cambridge—all for good team reasons, of course."

I wonder how Hignell's career would have worked out thus far had Richard Harding, a ready-made scrum half and secretary of the university club, not been in residence still when Hignell went up to Cambridge in the autumn of 1974. It was then, again for good team reasons, that he was translated into a full back, and he made such an impression that he was chosen to tour Australia with the England team last summer. His first cap, in Brisbane, was marked by a brave and exciting performance.

His former headmaster suggests that after this season he should join a club where he can be assured of playing at scrum half, and spend a year (or two) learning the tricks of the trade at top level. "Eventually," says Mr Ives, "the England berth would be his for a long time." I think he could well be right. "I still," he adds, "correspond regularly with Alastair, but I have not given him the above advice, for what it is worth, because I am sure he is enjoying his rugby wherever he plays and has enough to think about."

It asks a lot of Hignell to forsake the substance for a shadow. But I suspect he would have the character and determination to accept such advice if the selectors, taking a view in the longer term, offered him positive encouragement to take this course.

Peter Butler is the consistent, match-winning man in possession for Gloucestershire, and it is ironic that England's full back cannot even get close to his county side as a reserve. Hignell has never played scrum half for them, but appeared once at stand-off, without setting the house on fire.

This time last year, he was playing regularly at scrum half for Cambridge, but last autumn, of course, Bedford's talented Welshman, Alun Lewis (who also was kept out of the university side by Harding), was available once more, and it made good team sense that Hignell should revert to full back as soon as he was fit. He just managed to be ready for the 1975 University match, by which time the England selectors already had him earmarked for the full back position in the first international of the season.

Peter West

Bowls

South African takes clear lead in singles event

Johannesburg, March 2.—South Africa's Douglas Watson took a clear lead in the singles event at the world bowls championships here today when he toppled Dick Folkins, of United States 21—19 in an exciting game. Watson was playing before an enthusiastic home crowd of 6,500, the biggest ever to watch bowls on a single green in South Africa.

It was the American's first defeat and left Watson the only player with an unbeaten record to take top place with eight points and a net shot score of 75. Folkins holds second place with seven points followed by Australia's Bob Middleton, also with seven points but with an inferior shot score. Middleton won both his matches today, beating Roy du Feu, of Guernsey, 21—5 and Roy Fulton of Ireland 21—12. The defending champion, Malcolm Evans, of Wales, and David Bryant, of England, both suffered their third defeats today and are now virtually out of contention.

Evans went down to Hongkong's Eric Liddell, of Hongkong (18—21) in the eighth round and Bryant lost a seventh round fixture 5—21 against a New Zealander, Kerry Clark.

Yesterday's results: World championships: Fours, seventh round: South Africa 27, Western Samoa 15; Scotland 26, Ireland 13; England 15, New Zealand 16; Australia 31, Guernsey 11; Hongkong 24, Rhodesia 10; Wales 30, Malawi 6; Israel 20, United States 13; Jersey 20, Japan 16. Singles, seventh round: M. Evans (Wales) 21, H. Lakin (Malawi) 7; R. Middleton (Australia) 21, R. du Feu (Guernsey) 5; K. Clark (New Zealand) 21, D. Bryant (England) 5; A. van Niekerk (Jersey) 21, S. Sarumaru (Japan) 5; J. Allman (Rhodesia) 21, E. Liddell (Hongkong) 18; R. Folkins (US) 21, M. Gordon (Israel) 19; D. Watson (South Africa) 21, T. Atimoa (Western Samoa) 20; W. Wood (Scotland) 21, R. Fulton (Ireland) 19. Eight round singles: E. Liddell (Hongkong) 21, M. Evans (Wales) 18; D. Watson (S Africa) 21, R. Folkins (US) 19; W. Wood (Scotland) 21, J. Allman (Rhodesia) 7; D. Bryant (England) 21, A. van Niekerk (Jersey) 13; R. du Feu (Guernsey) 21, Shingo Saurumaru (Japan) 0; Toloyo'a Atimoa (Western Samoa) 21, M. Gordon (Israel) 11; R. Middleton (Australia) 21, R. Fulton (Ireland) 12; K. Clark (NZ) 21, H. Lakin (Malawi) 17. Eight round fours: Rhodesia 22, Scotland 12; Guernsey 27, Japan 5; South Africa 25, United States 14; Australia 19, Ireland 15; Malawi 18, New Zealand 19; Western Samoa 21, Israel 18; England 21, Jersey 12; Hongkong 14, Wales 18.—Reuter.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions off Piste	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Andermatt	25	140	Fair	Varied	Fine	6
Good skiing up to 2,200 metres						
Igls	40	60	Fair	Spring	Fine	5
Good skiing on upper slopes						
Isola 2,000	160	200	Good	Varied	Fine	12
Good skiing in many areas						
Mürren	60	145	Good	Varied	Fine	7
Worn patches on south slopes						
Niederan	18	37	Fair	Heavy	Fine	3
Warm weather affecting runs						
St Anton	30	275	Good	Varied	Fine	5
Spring conditions continuing						
Tignes	30	100	Fair	Varied	Fine	4
Worn patches on lower slopes						
Val d'Isère	60	160	Fair	Varied	Fine	2
Good skiing on north slopes						
Verbier	15	75	Fair	Heavy	Fine	3
Upper slopes still good						

In the above snow reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources.

SWITZERLAND

	North Slope (cm) L	U	Piste	Weather	°C
Adelboden	25	70	Spring	Fine	0
Chateau d'Oex	20	100	Spring	Fine	-5
Disentis	10	55	Spring	Fine	-1
Engelberg	10	120	Spring	Fine	-1
Grindelwald	30	65	Good	Fine	-3
Gstaad	20	85	Spring	Fine	19
Kandersteg	20	100	Spring	Fine	-3
Lenk	20	90	Spring	Fine	-5
Lenzerheide	50	60	Spring	Fine	-1
Les Diablerets	50	60	Fair	Fine	-4
Leysin	20	90	Spring	Fine	1
Villars	70	70	Spring	Fine	1
Wengen	50	100	Spring	Fine	-2
Wildhaus	20	80	Spring	Fine	2

GERMANY

	North Slope (cm) L	U	Piste	Weather	°C
Berchtesgaden	0	70	Fair	—	0
Garmisch	0	40	Good	Fine	-1
Altenberg	10	60	Fair	Snow	-1
Kleinwalsertal	80	180	Good	—	-1
Oberammergau	5	80	Good	—	2
Oberstdorf	15	—	Fair	Fine	-2

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: Main runs, few runs complete, others broken. Lower slopes: Grilled nursery areas, spring snow. Vertical rents: 1,400ft. Access roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000 ft. Glenshee: Main runs, no complete runs, snow cover patchy. Lower slopes: limited nursery areas. Wet snow. Vertical runs: 900ft. Access roads clear. Snow level: 2,100ft. Glencoe: Main runs, a few runs complete, others broken, spring snow.

Boxing

Champi running into for title bou

By Neil Allen
Boxing Correspond

John Conteh, all disputes apparently defend his world weight title against a Mexican now liv Florida, at around 4 on March 29 in Stadium of Kampala

The temperature close to 75°F but worry either Conte Francis. At a pre yesterday in Lond House Terrace, Mr re: "In April 197 nur with me to B Sonny Sterling was the Commonwealth title there. It was degrees but John, wh for a fight on the sa never came off becau meant backed out, w road work and sta any problems."

Mr Francis used to manager but now played by the work brother Tony, who c today that the pu Lopez defence will be of £250,000. Conteh based Lopez in

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...ael Phillips
...Correspondent

...f the most enthralling ...watch was the one ar ...on February 13, which ...y concerned Snow Flyer ...mbolus. It had seemed ...d that the final drama ...oncern only these two ...young horses who had ...ir formative days in Ire...l so it proved.

...thought that Strombolus ...art favourite and win be... had beaten that much ...individual, Parkhill, by ...ths at Navan in Novem...t others sided with Snow ...the belief that his rival's ...ld be hollow and that he ...e been flattered by Park... ...bsequent string of suc... And as it turned out the ...oup were right.

...ombolus eased from 6-4 ...n the betting Snow Flyer ...the rage at 7-4, 6-4 and ...l be duly landed those ...ating Strombolus by two ...nd a half.

...olus appeared to be in ...jumping the last flight ...hot the situation changed ...as Francome gathered ...er for his final fling. In ...to Strombolus, Barry was ...on him once he realized ...at was inevitable.

...they meet again at Ling... ...ark in the Orpington ...Hurdle, sod the Newbury ...n be regarded as an in... ...hackcloth. Things could ...t differently this after... ...cause Snow Flyer must ...omholus 7 lb, whereas at ...they met on equal terms. ...ould be said that the jodg... ...two men, Fred Winter ...Bailey, the two trainers ...is at stake.

...clearly believes that ...yer can cope with Strom... ...o these terms. Otherwise ...ld not be running him. ...Bailey must think that ...ous has a good chance of ...his revenge. Were he not ...opinion he would surely ...solled a second clash, ...y for the amount of money ...at stake this afternoon.

...all there are definitely ...redients for another en... ...contest, one which should ...e that much more rousing ...presence in the field of ...eam, who finished so well ...e won at Ascot in Jann... ...doubtedly a good case can ...e out for backing Strom... ...t today's weights, but I ...fer Snow Flyer, who has ...ed me so much on the only ...casions that I have seen ...s winter.

Night Nurse beguiles Yorkshiremen

By Michael Seely

Night Nurse's owner and trainer, Reg Spencer and Peter Easterby, both refused to be drawn after the Champion Hurdle favourite's half speed canter over his solitary rival, North Star, in the Corporation Challenge Trophy at Doncaster yesterday afternoon. Spencer, a chartered surveyor from York, who has seen his colours carried to victory 51 times in under two years, said cautiously: "We're still a fortnight away from Cheltenham and anything can happen in racing."

But, there is no concealing the extraordinary enthusiasm in the north regarding Night Nurse's ability to provide Easterby with his second triumph in the Champion Hurdle. Easterby prefers to let his deeds speak for him, but normally shrewd and cautious Yorkshiremen have gone overboard about Night Nurse. They continually lay emphasis on the fact that Night Nurse is the only horse in the race to have passed every test this season with flying colours.

An adopted Yorkshireman, the Malton trainer Jimmy Fitzgerald, put it best: "He's so quick away from his hurdles and he's at his prime at five. There's no way a nine-year-old Comedy of Errors can beat him. It's just the same as if I challenged Tommy Stack to a race over a hundred yards."

Not having seen Night Nurse in the flesh since last year I could not fail to be impressed by the physical improvement the gelding has made in the past 12 months. A tough and solid workman in appearance, Night Nurse looked in the peak of condition. Even at yesterday's slow pace his ability to flick over his hurdles like lightning was impressive. Ladbrokes have cut Night Nurse's price to 2—1, but Hill's odds remain unchanged at 9—4.

We were lucky to see two outstanding hurdlers in action yesterday. The New Zealand-bred Grand Canyon fairly excelled himself in his style of winning the Rossington Main Novices Hurdle. Last week at Wincanton Lanzarote conceded Cyariss 13 lb and beat him by five lengths. Yesterday Grand Canyon gave the same horse 7 lb and beat him by 15 lengths. Although this is not necessarily a fair comparison it is worth pointing out that, after setting what seemed a steady early pace, Grand Canyon drew clear on the bridle after the second hurdle from home and only failed to beat the course record by 0.7sec.

Derek Kent, whose skilful handling of the six-year-old has attracted so much favourable comment this season, is adamant that if he is allowed to have his way Grand Canyon will run in the Lloyd's Bank Champion Novices Hurdle at Cheltenham and not in the Champion Hurdle. Kent's feelings are quite understandable. Grand Canyon will never be a novice again and the rich prize appears to be there for the taking.

The Shining Lad (left) takes the last fence level with Holly Park

Also, Grand Canyon is still fairly inexperienced and sometimes has the top of his hurdles, a habit which might prove expensive in the cut and thrust of the championship. There is no doubt that Grand Canyon is already one of the best hurdlers in the land and I do not envy his owner, Pat Samuel, his final decision when he returns from Fiji.

Both David Morley's Triumph Hurdle candidates, Valmony and Havanus, are among the 16 acceptors for the Victor Ludorum Hurdle at Haydock Park on Saturday, but I understand that Valmony is the stable's intended runner. Sweet Joe, the conqueror of Havanus at Newcastle has also been declared, as have two challengers from Ireland, Hunter's Gift and Troyswood.

Thirteen have stood their ground at the four-day stage of the £7,500 Greenall Whitley Handicap Steeplechase. Top weight will be carried by Gordon Richards's Cheltenham Gold Cup hope, Tamalin, who has to give 2lb to Red Rum. Other interesting acceptors are: Summerville and Even Up, who ran such a great race when second to Rag Trade in the Welsh Grand National.

At Wetherby this afternoon the Newmarket trainer, Robert Armstrong, can saddle his first ever winner under winter rules with Priestlaw in the Harewood Hurdle. This half-brother to Ksar had the speed to win as a two-year-old when trained by the late Bernard van Cutsem. He also ran a first class race behind Gay Fandango in the Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot last Summer. Priestlaw performed with credit on his only outing over hurdles when chasing home the far more experienced Soare Slipper at Newbury on Schweppes Gold Trophy day. He is sure to start at a short price, but his form is far too superior to that of his opponents.

Probably a sounder betting chance is represented by Victor's Slave, who runs in the Micklethwaite Handicap Hurdle. The winner of two of his five races for Tony Dickinson, Victor's Slave was beaten 20 lengths by Stublick at Leicester in January. But both on that occasion and when previously beaten at Carlisle Victor's Slave showed a dislike of soft ground.

Held in some esteem by his trainer as a steeplechasing prospect, Victor's Slave appears to have an outstanding opportunity, carrying only 10st 6lb, against run of the mill northern handicappers. Lothian Countess, who continued Wilfred Crawford's recent run of success when staying on gamely to beat Caldbeck at Newcastle, looks to be the chief danger.

The singer, Dorothy Squires, watched her 12-year-old grey steeplechaser, Esban, win the Cruidwell Cup at Warwick yesterday for the second time in four years. Odds-on favourite he beat Rubstic and two other Grand National hopes. It was a month ago that Esban, together with Miss Squires's two other jumpers, Norwegian Flag and Walberswick, joined Jenny Pitman's Wiltshire stable. Having led early in the race, Esban, jumping boldly, took command again from Village Slave at the 15th fence. He was not headed from that point and sprinted away to win by eight lengths from Clonmellon, who in turn was six lengths ahead of Rubstic.

Rubstic, who made jumping errors, was a beaten horse four fences out. "Most disappointing", said his trainer Gordon Richards, who, however, will still run the seven-year-old in the Grand National. "I would have liked to have run him in a hurdle race, before Aintree, but he is not entered. He will have another race before the National and I might flick him over a couple of hurdles at home", added the Greystoke trainer.

Esban has now won eight races for Miss Squires since he was bought for her in Ireland.

English runners fail

Robert Armstrong's Breathing Exercise did best of the four English challengers in the Prix du Logis du Pin at Cagnes-sur-Mer yesterday. He finished fifth, four and a half lengths behind Lord Derby's French-trained Stand Hill.

STATE OF GOING (official): Lingfield Park: Steeplechase course, good; Hurdle, good to soft. Wetherby: Good. Ludlow (tomorrow): Good to firm.

Hockey

Whitehall's right-wing plot grounds the RAF

By Sydney Friskin

Civil Service 3, RAF 1

The advantages of right-wing manoeuvres in hockey were underlined yesterday at Chiswick where Civil Service built a 3—0 lead in the first half to beat the Royal Air Force comfortably. If Civil Service beat the Army on the same ground next Tuesday, they will achieve the grand slam over the armed forces for the first time.

Sutherland's skill did much to put Civil Service in a commanding position. He provided the spark up front and the thought that he is to play as a sweeper in the Great Britain team is disquieting. Before the game was two minutes old Sutherland took the ball near the line and backpassed to Batchelor, who had two shots before he beat the goalkeeper.

The same method was used by Brindley in the fifteenth minute after Civil Service had built up a great deal of pressure. This time Brindley dribbled his way to the line and hit the ball across for Stobbie to score. The RAF did not assert themselves until the twenty-sixth minute when a great hit from a short corner by Draper was saved on the line by Hodge.

With Batchelor dominating the middle, Civil Service continued to build their attacks along the flanks and Ellis, on the right wing, started the move which put Sotherland again in high gear. His pass to Stobbie, from the left this time, was neatly picked up and Stobbie beat the goalkeeper with a reverse stick shot.

After a period of reappraisal the RAF began to steer a steadier course with Aldrich and Marshall controlling the defence, and Bales, supported by the left-handed Lawless, took charge of the attack. So, there was a change of fortune for the RAF, who had more play territorially in the second half, although Stobbie missed two easy chances, one early in this period, the other about midway.

In the nineteenth minute the RAF scored a well taken goal after a brilliant run by Bales; he flicked to Quinn on the left, who scored into the corner of the net with a deft flick of the wrist. From a short corner, earned soon after by the RAF, Kilgour saved a powerful shot from Draper. Civil Service wasted a similar award at the other end because of poor hand stopping.

With one or two players displaying touches of ill-temper, the game lost some of its sparkle and the end came with the RAF trying unavailingly for another breakthrough. They missed a good chance when Quinn just failed to get a touch in front of goal after catching the rebound.

CIVIL SERVICE: J. Kilgour (Harris Academy Former Pupils); J. Browne (Tulse Hill), M. Hodge (Bedfordshire Eagles), J. Brindley (Slough, captain), D. Batchelor (Grange), M. Procter (Wimbledon), P. Ellis (Bedfordshire Eagles), A. Stobbie (Edinburgh), C. Sutherland (Edinburgh), A. Watson (Beckenham), A. Moss (Teddington).

ROYAL AIR FORCE: Sgt T. Price; P/O S. Bryant, P/O I. Draper, P/O R. Bennett, F/O O. Marshall, Sgt F. E. Aldrich (captain), Flt Lt C. Hill, Cpl G. Duerden, Sgt. Lt P. Dunn, Flt Lt S. Bales, Sgt G. Lawless.

Umpires: A. E. Johnson (Southern Counties) and Sqdn Ldr R. W. Shepherd (Combined Services).

Britain will take a party of 16 matches against Belgium, in Amsterdam, on March 19 to 21. But officials have made it clear that those members of the Olympic training party left out should not think that the group for the Olympic Games has been finalized.

Only 15 have been listed for the international tournament at Lord's on March 13 and 14. Barker (Old Kingstonians) replaces Carson as one of the two goalkeepers and Gregg is not included among the forwards as he will play for Ireland.

GREAT BRITAIN: P. A. Mills (Cardiff), A. G. Carter (Antrim), P. L. Freitag (Old Kingstonians), C. Sutherland (Edinburgh Civil Service), I. A. Thomson (Bloomsbury), D. Blackmore (Liverpool), R. J. Cotton (Southgate), N. R. Saldanha (Blackheath), I. A. McFinn (Southgate), P. J. Wilson (Welsh Dragons), P. R. J. Marsh (Harborne), J. C. French (Westcliffe), T. A. Gross (Belfast YMCA), W. D. McLean (Edinburgh Civil Service), S. R. L. Long (Bury St Edmunds YMCA).

Tennis

Prize money for John Player event up £10,000

A total of £50,000, with the men's winner collecting £10,500, will be at stake in the John Player tennis tournament at Nottingham, June 14-19. This is an increase of £10,000 over last year and is to keep pace with inflation.

The increases have been weighted largely in favour of the later stages from the quarter-final round onwards, in an endeavour to ensure that top players take part in this event, which is held a week before Wimbledon.

This is the third year of a five year sponsorship by John Player. Originally increases were not due to be negotiated until next year, but because of the dwindling of the pound against the dollar they have been forced into an early decision to maintain status in the Grand Prix.

Cricket

Derbyshire complete Barlow signing

Derbyshire announced the successful completion yesterday of negotiations for the signing of the South African Test match all-rounder E. J. Barlow.

Barlow, 35, will join the county on a three-year contract and is expected to arrive in this country next month. The Derbyshire chairman, Mr George Hughes said: "This is part of the new plan to revitalize Derbyshire."

Northamptonshire County Cricket Club report a loss of £2,483 last season, which is a considerable reduction on the deficit of £10,675 in 1974.

The club received £27,000 from the Test and County Cricket Board, and membership fees and admission brought in an extra £10,000. However, the cost of running the club increased by seven per cent.

Reg Garratt, the Northamptonshire chairman, said it was disappointing to lose money in a season when everything was in favour of cricket.

SYDNEY: Sheffield Shield: New South Wales, 258, and 29 for 2; South Australia, 280. Match drawn.

PLYMOUTH, MONTSERRAT: Tour match: Indians, 203 for 6 (P. Sharma 66, A. D. Gaekwad 58); W Windward Islands.

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Court of Appeal

Landlord loses benefit of rent review

United Scientific Holdings Ltd v Burnley Borough Council

Before Lord Justice Buckley, Lord Justice Roskill, and Lord Justice Browne

[Judgments delivered March 1]

Rent review clauses in leases were considered by the Court of Appeal on an appeal by Burnley Borough Council against a decision of Sir John Pennycuick, Vice-Chancellor, in May, 1974, in favour of the plaintiffs, United Scientific Holdings Ltd, Burnley.

The Vice-Chancellor had decided, on a summons by the company for construction of a rent review clause, that the council had lost the opportunity of charging the company additional rent under the clause because, during the year specified in it, the parties had neither agreed on the rent nor made any reference to arbitration.

Their Lordships dismissed the appeal, and granted leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

Mr H. E. Francis, QC, and Mr B. C. Maddocks for the appellant council; Mr A. J. Balcombe, QC, and Mr Benjamin Levy for the company.

LORD JUSTICE BUCKLEY said that the lessors, the council, let adjoining properties to the company on a building lease for 99 years from August 31, 1962, at a rent of £1,000 a year each. The lease contained a rent review clause: "During the year immediately preceding the second and each succeeding 10-year period of the said term and during the year immediately preceding the last nine-year period of the said term (each of such periods being hereafter referred to as a 'relevant period') the corporation and the lessee shall agree or failing agreement shall determine by arbitration the sum total of the then current rack rent . . . reasonably to be expected on the open market . . . and one quarter of the sum total so ascertained in [two thousand pounds] whichever is the greater shall be the rate of rent reserved by this lease in respect of the then next succeeding relevant period. . . ."

In May, 1972, negotiations began between the parties for the new rent commencing in August, 1972, but August 31, 1972, had come and gone and the rent for the second 10-year period had been neither agreed nor referred to arbitration. The company contended that time was of the essence of the contract and that since the council's unilateral right had to be exercised promptly, the rent could not be raised above £1,000 for each property for the next 10 years.

The council asserted that time was of the essence in a rent review clause only where it was in the nature of an option or conferred a unilateral right on one party to secure an alteration of the rent to that party's advantage. They contended that the lease was not a lease for 99 years at £1,000 a year for each property or a provision for a landlord to call for an upward review. They argued that it was a lease at specified rents during the first 10 years and thereafter at a rent to be ascertained according to a formula, which could not be less than, but which might be more than, £1,000 a year, with machinery provided for ascertaining the amount according to the formula. To such a provision, the council contended, time was not essential.

The company maintained that a review clause in a lease was a clause of a commercial character where time provisions should be strictly observed. Uncertainty about the amount of rent might seriously affect the salability of the lease and the lessee's decision whether he could afford to retain it or how he should deal with it. A review clause was directed to ensure that landlords should get an appropriate return on their investments throughout the life of the lease.

That sort of question had arisen frequently of late in the courts, no doubt because inflation had increased the appetites of landlords for rent reviews, with the result that rent review clauses were nowadays probably more common than they used to be.

The court had been referred to about 12 cases decided in the High Court since October, 1971. A review of those decisions led his Lordship to the conclusion that there was a danger of distinctions becoming established between one kind of clause and another on what appeared to be narrow and somewhat artificial grounds, which might be capable of explanation on an intellectual level, but which were hard to justify on a practical level.

Clauses of the kind found in *Mount Charlotte Investments Ltd v Leek & Westbourne Building Society* (237 EG 339), although not necessarily strictly option clauses, had been so referred to in some cases, because time had been held to be of the essence of the clauses by analogy to a strict option clause for, say, a purchase of land or renewal of a lease.

A clause such as that in *Accuba Ltd v Allied Shoe Repairs* ([1975] 1 WLR 1559) had been referred to as an "obligation" or "machinery" clause. In some cases, of which *Accuba* was one, time had been held not to be of the essence on the ground that the time programme laid down related merely to the machinery provided for carrying out the obligatory review and was not part of the essence of the obligation: *Kenilworth Industrial Sites Ltd v E. C. Little & Co Ltd* ([1974] 1 WLR 1069). That suggested distinction was discussed by Mr Justice Goff in *Accuba* and by Mr Justice Templeman in *Mount Charlotte*.

In *Samuel Properties (Developments) Ltd v Hajek* ([1972] 1 WLR 1064) Mr Justice Whitford held that time was of the essence on the analogy of an option agreement and his decision was upheld in the Court of Appeal ([1972] 1 WLR 1296, per Lord Justice Russell). The rent review clause was expressly described in the lease as an option and, accordingly, the court held that the time requirements of the clause were not merely directory but mandatory and, therefore, of the essence.

A review clause which permitted of an alteration of the rent only in an upward direction seemed to be very much the same in character whether by its terms it required the landlord to initiate the review process by serving a notice or making a request, or whether it purported to make the review obligatory or automatic. The only person to whose financial advantage the review could operate was the landlord.

The tenant, of course, had an interest in the outcome of any review. In some circumstances he might want to have his rent reviewed even if that involved an increase. But the person who, in any case in which an increase was probable, would always have an incentive to obtain it was the landlord. So, even when the rent review was obligatory or automatic, it was the landlord who was likely to take the initiative and, if he failed to do so, the tenant would probably let the sleeping dog lie.

Courts of equity used to adopt a different approach to time clauses from courts of common law, but since the fusion of equity and law in 1873 the equitable principles prevailed: section 41 of the Law of Property Act, 1923.

For the purposes of his judgment, his Lordship was prepared to assume that the equitable rules about time clauses now applied to all kinds of contract. That was the correct test of whether time was originally of the essence of a contract according to the equitable principles as enunciated in *Fry on Specific Performance* (6th ed, p502, paragraph 1075). Implication was dealt with further in paragraphs 1079, 1080 and 1081.

In *C. H. Bailey Ltd v Memorial Enterprises Ltd* ([1974] 1 WLR 728) all three members of the Court of Appeal emphasized the commercial character of rent review clauses. Both the landlord and the tenant would have their own reasons for wanting to know what the new rent was, and those considerations emphasized the commercial importance to the parties of the consequences of a rent review being known to them at the latest by the first rent day in the period to which the new rent would apply.

The considerations which his Lordship had been discussing concerning the business efficacy of a rent review clause, or at least its commercial convenience to the parties, afforded just as cogent reasons for imputing to the parties an intention that a prescribed timetable should be punctually observed in a case where the rent review was obligatory or automatic, as in a case where the review process was dependent on one party taking the initiative. A court should not be slow to import such an intention in either case.

That did not mean that time should be treated as of the essence in every rent review clause. The circumstances or terms of the lease might negative any inference of such an intention in a particular case. That was so in *Kenilworth*, where in a lease for 21 years the rent reserved was limited to the first five years of the term. A clause of the lease provided how the rent payable for the remainder of the term should be ascertained. The decision proceeded on the basis that, if for any reason the clause could not be operated, no rent would be payable. That would in itself be a very strong argument against adopting a construction of the lease which might result in the rent becoming unascertainable in consequence of a failure to comply punctually with the timetable. Moreover, the clause contained a proviso which made clear that a failure to comply with the timetable was not to deprive the landlord of his right to have an increased rent determined by arbitration.

For those reasons his Lordship would hold that the suggested dichotomy between "option" cases and "obligation" or "machinery" cases as producing different results in respect of time limits was unsound.

The court should be readily disposed to regard time as of the essence in each class of case. In each class of case the circumstances and nature of the contractual term should be considered in order to ascertain whether it was reasonable to impute to the parties an intention that time should be of the essence, an important circumstance being the practical operation of the clause and its impact on the parties.

With deference to Mr Justice Graham, his Lordship felt unable to agree with the view which he expressed in *Cheapside Land Development Co Ltd v Messels Services Co* (*The Times*, February 4) "that the authorities led too readily to the conclusion that time was prima facie to be regarded as of the essence in respect of all times in all rent review clauses with only an occasional exception. That seemed to result from regularly placing them in the 'option' basket".

His Lordship's view was that if parties to a lease agreed a time table for the purposes of a rent review, much less confusion would be likely to ensue if the consequence was that the parties must normally comply with that timetable. The timetable would probably be much more comprehensible to a layman, and possibly even to his legal adviser, than the esoteric rules of equity which sometimes regarded time limits as binding and sometimes did not. The landlord or the tenant was much less likely, in his Lordship's opinion, to be unwarily trapped if he knew that he should be careful to comply with the timetable than if he thought that he might be able to ignore it.

For those reasons, which were broader in their nature than the reasons relied on by the Vice-Chancellor, his Lordship would dismiss the appeal. He did not, however, dissent from the narrow grounds on which the Vice-Chancellor decided the case.

In his Lordship's judgment, the review clause in the present case, although not framed as an option, for the relevant purpose of determining whether time should be regarded as of its essence was closely analogous to an option. It was, as the Vice-Chancellor pointed out, a unilateral right in the sense that it was capable of operating for the benefit of the landlord alone, which he alone really had an incentive to invoke.

The Vice-Chancellor had dealt with another point, at the end of his judgment, relating to a suggested waiver by the plaintiffs in correspondence of their right to insist upon the time limit. That point had not been pressed in the appeal, and his Lordship saw no reason to differ from the Vice-Chancellor upon it.

Lord Justice Roskill and Lord Justice Browne delivered concurring judgments.

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117 Wings Surprise (J. Palmer), Palmer, 10-12-0 .....
118 4- Will Saved (A. Head), Head, 10-12-0 ..... Mr T. Head 5

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206 112 Strombolus (B) (M. Buckley), P. Bailey, 11-3 ... R. Barry
210 00-01 Tara Dream (D) (Mrs B. Meehan), R. Turnell, 11-3 ... A. Turnell
212 0-040 Arginir (W. Whitbread), R. Armytage, 10-10 ..... J. Glover
213 0 Art Nouveau (B. Stennett), O. Underwood, 10-10 .. R. Atkins
215 0- Kittyminer (Capt. F. Tyrwhitt-Drake), J. Gifford, 10-10 ... R. Champion
218 000 Modom (Mrs H. Edwards), W. Hightman, 10-10 .. R. Dickin 5
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305 p00212 Silver Delight (D) (Sir B. McAlpine), F. Cundell, 7-10-0 ... M. O'Halloran 7
306 000102 Drumwyck (Mrs H. Powell), D. Hanley, 7-10-0 ..... V. Soane
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308 121031 Wild Pirate (Mrs A. Beeson), E. Beeson, 9-10-0 ..... D. Jenkins

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404 10-0401 Kissi (CD) (Mrs B. Harris), C. Bewicke, 6-11-5 ... R. Barry
405 323b01 Lintam (D) (Mrs D. Meates), D. Barons, 5-11-1 D. Cartwright
406 0411 Fair Tactics (CD) (T. Hammond), C. Peter-Robbins, 6-11-0 ... J. King
407 2-42102 Setra (CD) (A. Neaves), Neaves, 8-10-13 ..... S. Eccles 5
408 00140-0 Inventory (C. Spencer), T. M. Jones, 8-10-7 ..... C. Read
410 0-00400 Drummers (D) (Mrs M. McKay), R. Atkins, 6-10-4 ... R. Atkins
411 -00-000 Wricker's World (D) (A. Brookes), D. Jenny, 8-10-0 ... P. Warner
415 0-00020 Henry Bruce (CD) (B. Keay), J. Holt, 6-10-0 .... J. Potter 7

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610 12201u Viewfinder (J. Brazil), P. Cundell, 6-11-10 .... J. Francome
613 000u Belge Prince (Lady Rootes), J. Gifford, 6-11-5 .. R. Champion
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623 p020-f0 Satanic Hymn (L. Smith) B. Mabon, 7-11-5 ..... J. Glover

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Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING-UP of the named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 16th day of February, 1976, presented to the said Court by Peter Grootendorst, 3, Bd. Sign of The Nurseries, Boskoop, Holland, Horticulturalists, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on the 22nd day of March, 1976, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing to person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on, or send by post to, the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post to sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 19th day of March, 1976.

RE: PAN-HELLENIC PROVISION STORES Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation) and the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company are required on or before Friday, 2nd April, 1976, to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned, Ian Peter Phillips, F.C.A., at 76 New Cavendish Street, London, W1M 8AH, the Liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time or place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 27th day of February, 1976.

IAN PETER PHILLIPS, F.C.A., Chartered Accountant.

RE: J. ALLEN (ALDRIDGE) Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation) and the Companies Act, 1948.

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GERALD FISHER, Director.

DIESPEKER CEILINGS Limited and The Companies Act, 1948.

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ARNOLD DAVID ROSEN, Director.

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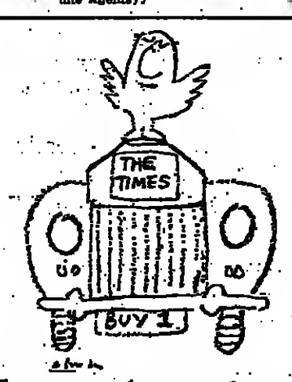

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THE ARTS

Big is beautiful on Broadway

John Higgins

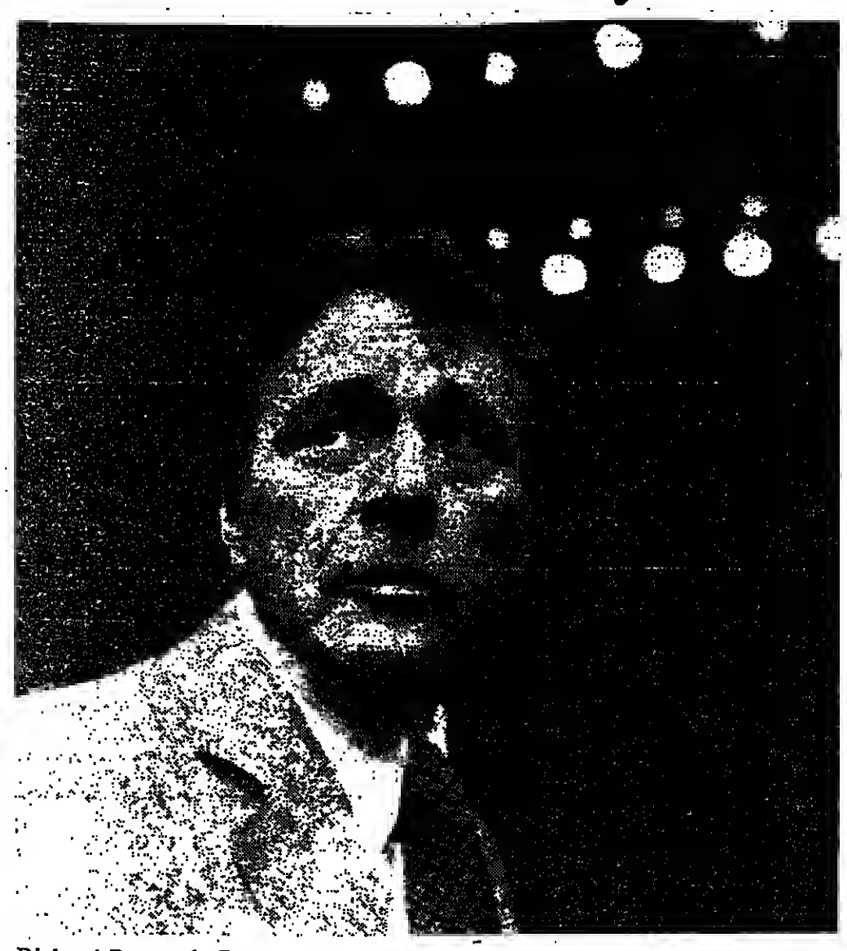
The only theatre on Broadway currently with horses both outside and inside is the Plymouth. Within are those now familiar brown corduroy figures with their glittering steel masks and shoes of Peter Shaffer's *Equus*; without are the mounted police trying to keep away fans, passers-by and just plain gawpers from Richard Burton who, as the world knows by now, is making his first return to the New York stage for very many years.

Night by night before the "official" opening last Thursday Mr Burton challenged Patty Hearst for the lead story in the evening press. Just what he was consuming in Downey's, which does indeed serve excellent drinks and steaks, and with whom, was considered much more important than the fact that he was taking over from Anthony Perkins the role of that insecure psychiatrist, Martin Dysart. And there was always a chance that the press might could fizzle out. In the event it fizzed not fizzled, and the only grievance was that Burton has been away so long.

Dysarts need to show their paces in the opening speech. Here they grip the house or let it slither away through their fingers. Burton challenges first through his voice, that instrument which articulates each word perfectly, which feels for the rhythm of each sentence, which builds the oratory with all the native skill of a Welsh preacher. The sounds are as clear and as persuasive as they were 20 years ago when every male lead at the Old Vic used to go to Burton.

Now he challenges with his face as well. This Dysart is broken before the play begins. The lines across the brow, the shadows beneath the eyes, the pits below the cheeks and at the sides of the mouth, show that this psychiatrist is unlikely to be anyone's wise counsellor. Even the rumples on the originally well-cut suit record the decline. When Dysart remarks about his patient, Alan Strang, that the boy's on the run and adds wryly, "So what am I?" the centre of the tragedy is revealed.

Richard Burton is a weightier Dysart than some of his predecessors. He misses, for instance, the objectivity and self-mockery of Alec McCowen. He towers over the rest of the cast, particularly since Broadway's present Alan carries



Richard Burton in Equus

neither the romantic dreaminess of Peter Firth, who created the role, nor the vulnerability of Dai Bradley. He is a presence, so no surprise that there is talk of a *King Lear* with John Dexter, whose *Equus* production still looks immaculate. Dexter told me that a *Lear* was very much on the cards, but that it would be in America and not at the National, as the New York papers had suggested.

The other player in town whose forays from screen to stage are even rarer than those of Burton is Katharine Hepburn. She too is a presence. On the evening I was there a patron in the circle dared to snap Miss Hepburn's she made her entrance. She strode to the front of the stage and in that commanding travel-voice so well employed in *Rooster Cogburn*, demanded to have the offender thrown out and signed for the curtain to be lowered. Both instructions were completed and we started all over again.

It must be said that this was the most dramatic event of the evening because the chosen vehicle for Miss Hepburn's return, *A Matter of Gravity* by Enid Bagnold, is a pretty sad sack of a play. Nor is it a new sack as most of New York appears to believe. With only a few alterations this is an old piece which used to go under the name of *Call Me Jacky* and which Frank Hauser directed for the Oxford Playhouse with Sybil Thorndike in the leading role back in '68.

Both ladies must have been attracted by the lines of Mrs Basil, who sees her 40-roomed house collapsing about her. She retreats into a smaller and smaller section of the mansion as rot and natural decay deal with the rest of the building. When the cook (Jacky of the first title) rushes in to announce that half the kitchen has fallen in she is peremptorily told to cook in the other half.

Miss Bagnold has written an unequivocal plea for the upholding of patrician values. The decay of Mrs Basil's home is a clear symbol for the threats to Mrs Basil's world. The crowd brought in by her grandson Nicky (a change from the unfortunate name of Niggie used at Oxford) are monsters, in other words homosexuals, lesbians, layabouts and revolutionaries. Alas, they are only thinly-characterized monsters. To Mrs Basil and to Miss Hepburn go all the prizes. Miss Hepburn dresses down the invaders, sets them to rights, she rejects the loyalty of Jacky, her only true friend, on class grounds; she does it in fine manner, with the famous chin allowing no argument and the penetrating eyes apparently putting down each challenge. And when she finally loses she does so, as she has lived, in style. Yet there is still no disguising that the play, call it *Gravity* or call it *Jacky*, is still as elliptical and as old-fashioned as it was almost 10 years ago.

Native product outside the musical theatre is hard to come by on Broadway. The revival of George S. Kaufman's and Edna Ferber's *The Royal Family*, which for a long time cooled relations between the authors and the Barrymores (the royal family in question), has found a lot of supporters. I suspect, though, that the enthusiasm has been generated by the playing of experienced hands such as Rosemary Harris, Eva Le Galienne and Sam Levene, plus a fine spiral staircase designed by Oliver Smith which allows for a series of spectacularly egocentric entries. The play is now short on laughs and there are crudities in Ellis Rabb's direction, including his own playing.

No, the musical remains Broadway's best and hottest property. The audiences fight to get into *A Chorus Line* and *Chicago* even at matinées. And one of the reasons is that everything is totally professional. Everyone has been cast down to the colour of their left eyelashes—and that, after all, is the subject of *A Chorus Line*, which is probably the most truthful musical ever written about the business and which must come to London with its superb Broadway cast. Maybe the results are steely and totally cynical, as in the case of *Chicago*, but nothing is left to chance. Not even in the afternoons.

Victoria de los Angeles
Festival Hall

Alan Blyth

Once she reached the songs of her own country, joy came back into Victoria de los Angeles's singing at the Festival Hall on Monday, and the preceding hour or so of careworn, awkward vocalization was at least partly forgotten. It was in fact not a wholly joyful song at all that did the trick, but Mompou's "Cantar del alma", a setting of words of Saint John of the Cross that are wholly unaccompanied apart from a piano prelude, interlude and postlude. The sincerity and fullness of meaning that she poured into the serene text and moving music had an almost timeless element that held her admirers rapt and silent.

The lighter side of the Spanish spirit was caught in two teasing songs by Vives, the zarzuela composer. Both were given that flick of tone and lift of the eyebrows that remain the artist's particular trait. Two folksongs by Nin were just as vivacious and appropriately more earthy. Then in the encores there was the reminder of her Carmen (if one were needed now that the complete records are available again) with a suitably seductive Seguidilla, which gave way to an airy account of "Blow the Wind Southerly".

But there are the first half and a good portion of the second to comment on, although they might be better passed over in silence. The singer is neither at her best nor even competent. Within the phrase she may be able to sustain a line, but she cannot control it from note to note. Her voice is not in good shape, the top is hard and the bottom almost inaudible. Her intonation is often wayward and her rhythm is not firm. Her Strauss of "Morgen" was somewhat more congenial, but still the voice was not responding as it should. Duparc and Haho went by with just the occasional signs of improvement, especially in the latter's delightful "L'énamourée". Then the clouds lifted, and all was more or less as we remembered it. Geoffrey Parsons could not have been a more sympathetic and helpful accompanist.

Alban Berg Quartet
St John's/Radio 3

Joan Chissell

Groups who appropriate a composer's name as their own often have a substantial fund of his music on which to draw. The Alban Berg Quartet can only ring the changes between the Lyric Suite, chosen for their South Bank debut last week, and the early string quartet, Op 3, which opened their recital in the BBC's Monday midday series this week. But again their playing left no doubt as to the extent to which they have got inside Alban Berg's skin.

In his perceptive new study of Berg, Dr Mosco Carner describes this Op 3 as his last apprentice work (ie, written under the eye of Schoenberg) and first minor masterpiece. Monday's performance suggested that the word "minor" is an unnecessary qualification: the music's sentiment and sound-world emerged as intimate and subtle as anything to have come from a 25-year-old Viennese—which is saying a lot.

Hyper-sensitivity was the team's main asset. In their response to rubato, to nuance, and last but not least to texture with its many instances of fragile, atmospheric scoring, they were at one with the visionary dreamer, in a world apart from everyone save, perhaps, his young wife. The kinship of the two movements, despite their contrasts, emerged very clear. Though fortissimo outbursts in the more protesting second movement were not outsize, they sounded quite large enough in relation to the players' superfine delicacy elsewhere.

Mozart's penultimate string quartet in B flat, K589, might have been expected to bring enough contrast. Written to order for a cello-playing king, it is often considered one of the composer's less committed works. This team seemed out to make it more personal, and by no means just in the broadly flowing Larghetto. The opening Allegro, taken at leisurely tempo, was full of small rhythmic yieldings designed to make its lyricism the more romantically expressive. Except in the lively 6-8 finale their style in fact seemed just a little too flaccid for Mozart. But the cellist's cantabile was always beguiling, and there was keen response all round to textural and every other kind of surprise in the trio of the Menuetto.

Dallapiccola's appeal to the emotions

London Sinfonietta/Bertini
Queen Elizabeth Hall

William Mann

Luigi Dallapiccola died just over a year ago, so the London Sinfonietta might be considered tardy in waiting until Monday for their memorial tribute. *Festina lente* paid artistic dividends: there was time to draw up a marvellous programme and to prepare it so thoroughly that those who attended (and others who will hear the recording which was made by the BBC for a future broadcast) could be in no doubt how important was his contribution to the music of this century.

Dallapiccola was greatly respected during his lifetime but even his most impressive works have yet to become repertory fare. He was not a great innovator, but a true poet and a fine mind, with an invantive inner ear and a respect for properly constructed music that amounted almost to an article of faith.

Gary Bertini, who conducted the programme, concentrated on Dallapiccola's appeal to the ear and the emotions. Even in the *Piccola musica notturna*, the only purely instrumental work among the four items and perhaps the most advanced in language, the performance dwelt on the sensuous beauty as well as the coherence of the music; the achievement was the more remarkable because the reduced scoring, less winning in tonal palette than the original, was used.

Dallapiccola's last completed work, the funerary *Commiato*, seemed less poignant and less dramatic than I remembered, although creditably sung by Hannah Francis. She also gave us, with Harold Lester as her pianist, his "Rencesvals", a vivid, strongly evocative *scena* that, on the strength of this excellent performance, must commend itself to every vocal recitalist.

The highlights of the concert, nevertheless, were the just-prewar choral *Canti di prigionia*, Dallapiccola's blazing diatribe against totalitarianism, and the second set of Michelangelo choruses, intended for a quartet of boys but here replaced, successfully, by female sopranos and contraltos. It was in these two works that Mr Bertini's dynamic interpretation made most effect, albeit unobtrusively. The strength and the tenderness of the music came across at white heat: it was only afterwards, perhaps, that one appreciated with what skill and sensibility the London Sinfonietta's resident virtuosi and their splendid choir had realized what Dallapiccola wrote from his ample heart.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Stephen Poliakoff graduates from the fringe

Sheridan Morley

Stephen Poliakoff is this year's resident dramatist at the National Theatre: he has also just won the London critics' award for the year's most promising playwright and one of the two plays which got him that award, *City Sugar*, transfers to the West End tomorrow with a cast headed by Adam Faith and Hilary Gasson. The fact that Mr Poliakoff (with eight fringe plays already behind him) is not yet 24 and has come out of Westminster and Cambridge leads one to expect a man positively howed down by the weight of glittering prizes already collected. It has not, though, been quite as simple as that.

"When I was 13 I began to write a story about two schoolboys on a bicycling holiday through Sussex and I suddenly realized it was all in dialogue because I wasn't any good at descriptions. It was then I decided I'd better be a playwright rather than a novelist. I was 16 when Westminster did my play *Granite*, and later we staged it at the Abbey Community Centre with a cast recruited from the National Youth Theatre. On the first night we waited an extra half-hour to see if anyone would come before we started, and a few did including Oleg Kerensky who gave us a rave review in *The Times*. But the trouble with the Abbey was that they only had one old tea lady who used to serve the entire audience at half-time, so on a crowded night the interval could last up to an hour. Still, Christopher Hampton came to see it there and he found me an agent, and then the Hampstead Theatre Club bought it, but there was a change of management and it never got staged by them."

Poliakoff was now 17, it was 1969, and he had a place waiting for him at King's College, Cambridge; they suggested, however, that as he was still comparatively young and straight from Westminster he should spend a year "seeing the world". Poliakoff took that to mean Edinburgh, where he had an introduction to Richard Eyre who let him sit in on rehearsals at the Lyceum. By now he had another script completed, and one Edinburgh morning he took it round to the Traverse where 24 hours earlier Michael Rudman had taken over as artistic director. Poliakoff thus became Rudman's first new playwright, and on the strength of his script Rudman gave him £25 to write a one-act play which was staged there a year later by David Halliwell.

In the meantime Poliakoff had returned to London and gone along to the Royal Court where he had heard that David Hare was organizing a "playwright's weekend"; out of that came the decision to write a communal play, *Lay By*, which was the work of—among others—Hare himself, Trevor Griffiths, Howard Brenton, Snoo Wilson and Poliakoff, who still saw himself as "a little boy surrounded by real writers". It has been his only collaboration to date, and for it he wrote just one scene with Howard Brenton. Then came Cambridge, where Poliakoff lasted only until the middle of his second year.

By the time Poliakoff escaped from Cambridge, Michael Rudman had moved from the Traverse to the Hampstead Theatre Club where he presented *Clever Soldiers*, Poliakoff's first play to get a professional London production lasting more than one night. Soon afterwards the now defunct Theatre Upstairs at the Royal Court staged another Poliakoff play called *Hero*; it opened, like *Clever Soldiers*, to mixed reviews, but those that were enthusiastic were very enthusiastic indeed. Looking back, Poliakoff himself has his doubts:

"It was one of my very first scripts

The two-day 'mangling experience' that decides the men who will run Whitehall

It has become a truism to observe that power has flowed in recent years a few hundred yards across Parliament Square from Westminster to the great departments of state in Whitehall. Whatever the degree of exaggeration in such a view, it is clearly a matter of public concern that the men and women who carry the increasingly heavy burden of transforming the will of Parliament into executive action— "the production engineers of the parliamentary process" as Lord Armstrong of Sanderstead was fond of describing his charges during his time as Head of the Home Civil Service—should be selected in a fair, efficient and publicly accountable fashion.

Last year 275 young men and women, many already members of the executive grades of the Civil Service, were deemed fit for service in administrative grades of the Home and Diplomatic services and the Northern Ireland Civil Service. They were selected in a manner without parallel, in terms of thoroughness, in the rest of the world. Each successful candidate cost the taxpayer £950 to find. When one calculates that a 40-year career in the upper reaches of Whitehall presents the Treasury with a salary bill of £350,000 at current rates, it is money well spent. A highly placed dud is an expensive luxury and one it is very difficult to dislodge.

Before the Second World War, the nation's tiro-permanent secretaries underwent a gruelling set of examinations, harder, if anything, than the finals honours examinations in the universities. After the war, an alternative mode of entry, modelled on the experience of the War Office Selection Board's methods for recruiting officers, was adopted. This became popularly known as the "Country House Method" as aspirants spent two days undergoing tests and interviews in a mansion at Stoke D'Abernon, near Leatherhead.

Selection by competitive examination, lovingly satirized by Gilbert and Sullivan in *Iolanthe*, has now been totally superseded by "The Country House Method", except that it is no longer practised amid the green fields of Surrey but in an office block in London six floors above Northumberland Avenue with fine views of the skylights of Charing Cross station. The Civil Service Selection Board (or "Sizz-Bee", as it is universally known throughout Whitehall) is now the chosen vehicle of the Civil Service Commission in securing the succession of a career Civil Service, selected purely on merit and entirely free from political any kind of patronage.

Last year 100 aspirants presented themselves to the commission seeing a foothold on the ladder to the most elevated posts in the Civil Service. A qualifying test, designed to measure the innate literacy and numeracy reduced the field to 1,050 candidates who were invited to undergo the "mangling experience", to borrow the phrase of a no eminent public servant, of a two-day event at CSSB.

The aim of CSSB is to compile as complete a picture of each candidate as possible. A series of cognitive tests provide an objective element. A further series of written appreciations, drafting tests and simulated committee work examines in a very direct fashion the candidates' skill in handling the day-to-day duties they are likely to perform in government department. Candidates are separated into groups of five, though they do not compete against one another, but against an overall standard. Their performance is monitored by three assessors, a psychologist, an observer (usually a civil servant in his late twenties whose job it is to gauge the "mental horse-power" and chairman who is very often a retired public servant of great eminence. Individual assessors interview each candidate in turn and compare notes throughout the two days.

The core of this year's CSSB programme involves an imaginary Whitehall brainteaser dealing with British aid to a notional developing country (a piece of inspired fiction whose ramifications were quite beyond the wit of this reporter) drafted, with frequent touches of whimsy, by an official on secondment from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Candidates are required to write an appreciation for the minister outlining the merits of the various options.

The assessors then select a drafting test, which usually takes the form of a letter for the minister dealing with one area of the aid problem, and a committee test which requires each candidate to take the chair in an interdepartmental discussion on an aspect of the programme. Each test is selected with the intention of probing the candidate on what the assessors deem to be his or her stronger or weaker points.

Finally the assessors draw all the strands together and award a mark on a numerical scale for penetration, fertility of ideas, judgment, written expression, personal contacts, influence, drive and determination, emotional stability and maturity. These marks are collated to an alphabetical scale. Last year, 54 of the 1,050 hopefuls went forward to the Final Selection Board with an "A" mark, indicating that CSSB saw them as future "high fliers", 94 with a "B" suggesting they might well "fly" and 127 with a "C" on the ground that CSSB saw them eventually reaching the rank of assistant secretary but at a rather slower pace.

The CSSB procedure is exhausting to witness let alone to endure. Its director, Mr Kenneth Murray, a psychologist by profession, insists that when a man's career is at stake endless pains must be taken. Not a man given to smugness, Mr Murray says the "mistakes" revealed by CSSB's equally exhaustive follow-up procedures are generally traceable to the interviews. He tells his assessors to beware of overconfidence, intellectual and personal arrogance on the part of the candidates. "I do not like anything that marks them at the beginning as 'The Lord's Anointed', like the old Indian Civil Service. You must be analytical without being too cold-blooded right up to the end", he says. He is concerned, too, that top civil servants should not be seen to be selecting themselves by passing on the torch to those of a similar background and temperament. For this reason, well over one third of CSSB's assessors have never been civil servants.

The secrets contained in CSSB's files, were they ever made public, would be a goldmine for the future biographers of eminent public servants and for a number of famous men in other walks of life. Mr Heath, for one, passed through their hands as a star of the 1946 entry. One wonders where his assessors thought he would be by 1970—not in Number 10 Downing Street for sure; more likely three minutes' walk away in the Treasury. The younger generation of permanent secretaries, including Sir John Hunt, Secretary of the Cabinet, and Sir Michael Palliser, Head of the Diplomatic Service, went through the Stoke D'Abernon exercise after returning from the war. It would be fascinating to know if their assessors got their predictions right.

As Mr Murray and his team would readily admit, they are not clairvoyants. Their impressive machine is as well oiled as they can make it, but one wonders about the "ones that got away". CSSB officials would be the first to appreciate the judgment of one civil servant on a recently retired colleague of the prewar vintage: "A magnificent permanent secretary. An original. Just the sort of chap who would never have got through CSSB!"

Peter Hennessy

As Mrs Anne Armstrong, America's 53d envoy to the Court of St James's, arrives in London . . .

How a US ambassador talked Welsh miners out of a strike

Mrs Anne Armstrong arrives in London tonight. She is the 53rd American Head of Mission to be accredited to the Court of St James. From 1785 until 1893 there were 30 ministers. Since then there have been 22 ambassadors. Some of them have played an important part in Anglo-American affairs. Perhaps the most outstanding figure in this illustrious succession was Walter H. Page who was the American envoy during the First World War. He may be said to have altered the course of history. He established a warm, personal, friendship with the Foreign Secretary, Sir Edward Grey, who once remarked to Page's biographer, Mr Burton J. Hendrick: "I could never mention a book I liked that Mr Page had not read and liked too."

This mutual understanding was of the utmost consequence. In two world wars Britain has relied upon the blockade. The enemy is not so much defeated as strangled. But to be effective, it involves interference, not only with enemy, but with neutral shipping. In 1914 it was quite obvious that we had to cut off supplies that might reach Germany on neutral ships or through neutral ports. The British Navy could prevent German merchant ships from crossing the Atlantic. But Congress passed a Bill admitting foreign ships to American Registry. These also were intercepted by British warships and taken into prize courts. There was a great public outcry in the American press.

Then occurred a test case. The Dacia, a merchantman of the Hamburg-American line, had been lying in Port Arthur, Texas, since the outbreak of the war. She was purchased by an American citizen, manned by an American crew and loaded with cotton to sail to Germany. Here then was the prospect of a head-on collision between London and Washington.

If the British intercepted the Dacia, the affront to the United States could hardly be passed over. But if they permitted her to reach a German port, a fatal gap would be opened in the blockade. The Dacia sailed on January 23, 1915. All the world waited.

Page called on Grey at the Foreign Office. They discussed various matters. Then as he was leaving he asked Grey if he had ever heard of the British Fleet. Grey admitted that he had. Page said: "We have all heard of the British fleet. Perhaps we have heard too much about it. Don't you think it has had too much advertising?"

The Foreign Secretary looked at the ambassador with incredulity. But Page continued: "Have you ever heard of the French fleet? France has a fleet, too, I believe. Don't you think the French fleet ought to have a little advertising?"

Whether the Dacia was actually mentioned is uncertain, but Grey took the hint. The Dacia came sailing up the Channel. The moment of crisis seemed at hand. Then a French cruiser sailed out, seized the ship and took it into a French port. It was condemned by a French prize court, sold to a Frenchman, re-christened Le Yser and put to work in the Mediterranean trade.

Mrs Anne Armstrong, later in a line of American ambassadors that included Joseph Kennedy and John Winant (right).

The least successful ambassador was Joseph Kennedy. Like Neville Chamberlain, he was an appeaser. He was also a defeatist. Mr Leonard Mosley has recorded how in 1938 he informed Walter Lippman that war was inevitable and that Britain would be licked. Whenever he left in 1940 he expressed the view that Britain was "done". Fortunately Roosevelt did not share his opinion. He appointed a successor of a very different type.

The life of John Gilbert Winant ended in tragedy. He committed suicide. But his should not colour our recollection of his years of achievement. Diplomats tend to live in their own and other people's ivory towers. They communicate with foreign secretaries and other less exalted ministers. They entertain and are entertained by eminent citizens of the host country and other members of the diplomatic corps.

Winant was wholly exceptional. This may have been in part due to his wide circle of friends. He consorted not merely with officials and office holders, but with such men as R. H. Tawney, Sir William Beveridge and H. G. Wells. In particular, he was a close friend of Harold Laski. But he was never confined to these intellectual circles. In July 1941 he toured Wales in the company of Clement Attlee. In a mining town near Neath as some coal diggers talked with the ambassador, they suddenly burst into a series of Welsh songs.

In June 1942 Winant again accompanied Attlee, this time to Durham, in the middle of a miner's strike. He appealed to them to "meet the call of your great Prime Minister and stride forward into the unknown with growing confidence." There was tumultuous applause. Then he answered questions for an hour. Sam Watson said to the ambassador: "We think, sir, that you are a great guy." *The Manchester Guardian* hailed Winant's remarks as "one of the great speeches of them all." The strike was called off.

But cooperation does not stop or even begin, at the ambassadorial level. I myself, as a junior minister in the Churchill government, worked almost daily for five years with representatives of the United States. It was a very close association. We sometimes differed from our respective governments but vary rarely from each other. I sometimes am reminded of an historic occasion when we supported the Americans. This was on May 1, 1898 when, as every American child learns at his or her mother's knee, Admiral Dewey seized the Philippines. It was on this occasion that a Kansas poet wrote the immortal lines:

"O, dewy was the morning
Upon the 1st of May
And Dewey was the Admiral
Down in Manila Bay,
And dewy were the Spaniards' eyes
Them orbs of black and blue
And dew we feel discouraged?
I dew not think we dew!"

There was nearly a great confrontation. A few hours after the Americans' arrival, German and British warships also came on the scene. The Germans, it appeared, were opposed to American pretensions. But the German admiral, von Diedrich, took the precaution of calling on Captain Chichester who was in command of the British force. He asked him what he would do if a conflict occurred between the American and German squadrons. Captain Chichester replied: "There are only two persons here who know what my instructions are. One of those persons is myself, and the other is—Admiral Dewey." The Germans sailed away. This has always seemed to me the perfect example of Anglo-American cooperation.

Dingle Foot

An everyman's guide to political scoring in China

Everyone enjoys the discomfiture of experts. Not Mr Teng Hsiao-ping as China's Prime Minister but Mr Hua Kuo-feng? But they were all saying that Mr Teng would get it. So they were, and for the very good reason that every scrap of evidence pointed to him. It might also be recalled that on "announcement" of Mr Hua's appointment was made; it was as if on the court page of this newspaper an alert reader noticed that:

The newly arrived Venezuelan Ambassador was received yesterday at 10 Downing Street, by Mr Denis Healey, the acting Prime Minister.

after two years when Mr Callaghan had been acting Prime Minister owing to Mr Wilson's ill-health.

Admitting defeat, however, let hindsight take over and offer the evidence as a background to the absolute obscurity of who is doing what by what means in Peking at this moment. Let us take China since the cultural revolution, or rather since 1971, because for three years before that the conflict within the leadership had other priorities: the reassertion of the party's authority over the army and, coupled with that, the putting down of Lin Piao's ambitions. His flight and death, it may be recalled, came in September, 1971.

Let us assume also for simplicity's sake that there are two teams among the leaders. There are the extremists captained by Chairman Mao with his wife, Chiang Ching as vice-captain, bearing a banner inscribed "Class Struggle First". There are the moderates, captain Mr Chou En-lai (until his death), vice-captain Mr Teng (since his emergence from the shadows in 1973). On their banner the words read "Unity and Stability".

Without a view of the field there are various ways to telling which side has scored (do not be confused by the cheers of the crowd). One source is the meetings of the party central committee or party congress. The National Peoples Congress is an obvious goal for the stability and unity party. But aside from these very rare meetings the other best source is the editorial article published every New Year's Day jointly by *People's Daily*, *Red Flag* and *Liberation Army*.

The record since 1971 say therefore be set out and everyone may arrive at the current score in Peking for themselves.

1971 Joint editorial. National Peoples Congress forecast for that year but not held.

1972 Joint editorial. NPC forecast again but not held. At some point in this year Chou En-lai is found to have cancer.

1973 Joint editorial. No mention of NPC but class struggle emphasized.

April. Teng Hsiao-ping returns to public life after seven years absence and soon resumes his old function as vice-premier. He had acted in Chou En-lai's place in China's absences as far back as the late "fifties.

August. Tenth party congress held, brief and bugger-muggery. Chou's speech promises NPC to be "convened soon" but nothing happened. Wang Hung-wen, a whizz-kidd is promoted vice-chairman of the party with seniority after Mao and Chou. Wang's speech introducing revised party constitution includes radical slogans.

1974. Joint editorial. No mention of NPC but class struggle emphasized and cultural revolution described as "absolutely necessary and timely". Return to party and government office of officials thrown out during the cultural revolution continues throughout the year and all through 1975.

1975 Joint editorial. No mention of NPC. But later in January party central committee plenum is followed by meeting of NPC. Chou makes main speech (his last reported action in public) forecasting China's economic progress until the end of the century. This needs unity and stability. Balancing him is Chang Chun-chiao, Shanghai radical, whose speech introducing the revised state constitution emphasizes radical slogans. Teng Hsiao-ping, who had been restored to the party politburo at the tenth congress, is now promoted party vice-chairman (in lieu of down-graded radical general) and member of nine-man standing committee of politburo. Following the congress and without any public announcement Mr Teng is made chief-of-staff of the army and Mr Chang chief of the army's political department. Without precedent Chairman Mao is absent from both meetings, but not from ill-health as he is reported meeting foreign visitors including Franz-Joseph Strauss.

February. New radical campaign immediately follows NPC meeting.

September. Last reported action by Chou En-lai in hospital.

October. National Day. Mr Teng said in his speech that the Chinese "must continue to follow Chairman Man's important instructions, study the dictatorship of the proletariat, combat and prevent revisionism, promote stability and unity and boost the national economy . . . to build China into a powerful socialist country before the end of the century."

December. Mr Teng active throughout President Ford's visit and meets Signor Fanfani from Italy on 15th.

1976 New Year joint editorial filled with Maoist slogans.

January 1: Mr Teng is host to David and Julie Eisenhower visiting China. They had been received the day before by Chairman Mao but Mr Teng was not present. 2: Mr Teng receives visiting United States Congresswomen. 8: Death of Chou En-lai. 15: Mr Teng makes speech at memorial meeting for Mr Chou.

February 2: Report of forthcoming meeting of NPC and party congress to fill vacant posts and appoint Prime Minister. 8: Mr Hua Kuo-feng's acting appointment revealed. 12: Poster campaign against Mr Teng begins. 17: *People's Daily* accuses Mr Teng of twisting Maoist slogans at October 1, 1975, meeting to promote economic progress and stability rather than class struggle. 21: Mr Nixon and party arrive. 27: Fresh poster campaign attacks Mr Teng by name.

Richard Harris

Bernard Levin

Prison, in these cases, does nobody any good

There is really only one thing that can be said with absolute certainty about both the Reverend Stephen Care, who was sentenced last Thursday to seven years' imprisonment for an extensive series of burglaries, and Mr Stephen Hodgson, who the following day was sentenced to four years on charges of causing bodily harm to children in his care at a County Council home, and that is that wherever they ought to be at this moment and for the next seven and four years respectively, it is not prison.

That, of course, is the remark of a "do-gooder". (Is it not significant, and indeed ominous, that in the mouths of sentimentalists like Mr Justice Melford Stevenson doing good has become a practice worthy not only of condemnation, but of condemnation with a sneer?) But since presumably the authorities must have *some* purpose in mind in maintaining prisons at great expense, it is worth giving thought to what that purpose may be, and whether it is in fact being served by imprisoning such men as the two who were sent down last week. And when Mr Justice Lawson addressed the erring vicar with the words "You are perfectly capable of behaving in a proper Christian manner if you want to" (a remark of such exquisitely decayed fatuity that it made me rush to *Who's Who* to make sure that, despite the surname, he isn't the son of Mr Justice Darling), it became apparent that such thinking is becoming more urgent, not less, as time goes by.

After the trial, the Bishop of Exeter (who seems several cots above the occupant of that See of whom Sydney Smith said that he was obliged to believe in the Apostolic Succession as there was no other way to account for the descent of the Bishop of Exeter from Judas Iscariot), in whose diocese the vicar's incumbency fell, and in which his crimes were committed, said very wisely (and to anticipate Mr Justice Melford Stevenson's next thought, I had better say here that the Bishop began by offering sympathy to the vicar's victims):

I am sure I am not speaking only for myself when I express my concern for the Reverend Stephen Care in his present unhappy circumstances. If the Church in Devon fails to recognize and meet the needs of this young priest, then I must, as bishop of the diocese, accept responsibility for such failure and seek to find ways to ensure, in so far as it is humanly possible, that such a thing never happens again.

Now therein lies the point, for if somebody had discovered the needs of the young priest—the need, that is, to live in a world of literally insane fantasy—in time, it might have been possible to do something to avert the catastrophe, which consisted of his slipping over the line that divides the fantasist whose impulses remain within his mind from the one who acts them out in real life. Similarly, the most significant disclosure in the trial of the man who whipped and battered the boys in his care was what was found in his room at the council home, which was piles of empty bottles and cans; if the vicar lived in a world of fantasy, the housemaster lived in a haze of alcoholism. Now it is not necessary to be Sigmund Freud to wonder whether he drank himself insensible to stifle the horror he felt at his inability to control his sadistic impulses, or whether both the sadistic impulses and the drinking were caused by some anterior phenomenon, some warp or cleft in his nature that might—indeed, surely must—have originated far back in his life. Nor is it necessary to decide which of those explanations (not that they are mutually exclusive) is the correct one to believe that he, too, had "needs" which had to be "recognized and met".

Come: let us put it in words that the humblest High Court judge can understand. Nobody *needs* to beat children with a whip and a fishing-rod or to drink himself inhuman; nobody *needs* to rob banks and abbeys or to say to his gulled confederate that his felonious proposals are not wrong because "we are going to be Robin Hood". Nobody needs to do these things, but so need something else it so badly that he cannot have it (whi is a deeply-buried yearning for one p homicidal yearning other, and whether an inhibition en another part of the society) the irresisti which must burst thr where, bursts thru forms it actually t case of the two men last week.

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It won't, will it? as a matter of fac ensure that even *thi this* housefather wil of prison less likel society or the peopl the contrary, there whelming probabilit will be, quite litera for life, and that th take the form of m even more anti-soci It that not even Lewson believes people will get treatment in prison not reasonable to t by taking the burgl the beater-housefat care they so plainly examining their mio give then the car actually find out eo what drives men in haviour to predict before it actually and ultimately to happening at all?

Ah, yes, but that money, and it is her bits of human flot rot in jail than tha spend money on tr sure that they don go: them put there place. But what if costs more than the cure or no cure? Al should be in prison a warning to others if their fate will ha on others, largely impulses which people to such exce yond the teach of te then, they should because they have and ought to suffer the feelings of the of potential futu more important th the criminals? No yes.

Quod erat dem And another thing those trumpeters of who have hysterics says hugger no a tel gramme before the in bed, and convulsi poor devil wants a crotch to help orgasm? Well, wh are, they are not ru screen or into print a penal system that seriously expert to any good. That is goders like me, a passion is left to like the Bishop of E what good do the do?

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The Times Diary

Empty seats on the band wagon

On Monday afternoon the Liberal parliamentary party turned their backs on Westminster and took a coach nutting to the country. Cyril Smith, the chief whip, had issued instructions that they were all to decamp, with secretaries, aides and anyone else who could be cajoled into coming, to Coventry North-west, where there is a by-election.

In the event the orders of the day were not widely obeyed. Jo Grimond was in America, David Steel is convalescing from an operation, Russell Johnston was believed to be in Europe. Emlyn Hooson was attending another by-election in the Wirral, and Clement Freud stayed in the Commons to speak against seat belts. Jeremy Thorpe had a previous engagement with the London Welsh, but he came out to wave the rest of the party good-bye.

The coach had posters in the windows: "This is the Liberal band waggon. Jump on". The four MPs and two peers making the trip debated anxiously whether wagon could really be spelt like that, but Thorpe was unperturbed.

"This is good, this is good", he said, and suggested that the thing his colleagues should hammer on the doorsteps was unemployment.

At eight o'clock the MPs started canvassing. Geraint Howells, the genial member for Cardigan, knocked on one door. "Who's there?" came a call from within. "It is a Liberal MP", boomed Howells benignly. "Thanks, we don't want any tonight", replied the voice, and the door stayed closed.

At 9.30 they all returned to a pies and peas party where they were joined by two more MPs who had travelled by train, and Cyril Smith, who had been in Coventry all day.

In the coach back to London, MPs and peers confided that they would be pleased if the party held its vote in Coventry. They discussed the leadership, speculating about John Pardoe—with the support of Cyril Smith—being elected to succeed Thorpe in the autumn. Pardoe, at any rate, showed sufficient initiative and powers of leadership to evert the coach to drop him a his home in Hampstead.

The windows had steamed up and the posters fell off. "Don't trample them", cried one of the staff. "We need them next week for Cashalton". In Carshalton, though, there will be on peas and pies. The suburbs qualify for a cheese and wine party instead.

The Bishop

The 50 or so people who met the Rt Rev Emilio de Carvalho, Methodist Bishop of Luanda, in the House of Commons yesterday, seemed quite surprised at what he had to say. A small, wiry and forthright African, the Bishop put up a stout defence of the MPLA, the nationalist group which, with the support of Cuban troops, has won control of most of Angola.

He thought it was far better to have Cubans as allies than South Africans, who had supported the rival faction UNITA.

He explained: "Neither the Cubans nor the Angolans accept that the Cubas are in Angola to impose a government or an ideology on to the Angolans". Nor did he accept that the Cubans were there permanently.

Asked whether the MPLA would become a communist government, whether or not the Cubans stayed, the Bishop answered: "I don't think so, but maybe I'm naive. The MPLA is a movement of the people. There is no room for communism in Africa. The MPLA is building up the nation on a socialist basis".

His audience comprised MPs, reporters and members of the Catholic Institute for International Relations and the Methodist Missionary Society, who are sponsoring his visit. From the tone of their questions it seemed that they did regard him as a bit naive, though the cogency of his replies suggested otherwise.

Wooing

It is surprising, the amount of practical advice you can pick up from editorials in *The Times*. Yesterday's one about the Conservatives pitching things up with the trade unions offered this tip: "The best way to woo a girl is not to plump down on your knees the first time you meet her,

spilling a pint of beer down her front as you do so".

While the advice is sound, I find the metaphor inexact. The Conservatives are not, after all, meeting the workers for the first blushful time.

A more precise sexual image would be to compare the relationship with that of Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. Both sides have been around for a while, know each other to a fault and have found their liaison bruising. But they suspect that ultimately they cannot do without each other.

Accepting my alternative metaphor, the parallel with the Shadow Cabinet's initiative towards the workers is the Burtons' most recent marriage in Botswana. It came after a spectacular falling-out, and the circumstances of it suggested that its chief purpose was to get the protagonists' names in the papers again. According to this precedent, I fear that the Conservatives' chumminess with the unions will not last long.

Battered

Hardly anyone at the annual women's pancake races in Lincoln's Inn Fields yesterday could explain the origin of the curious and ancient custom which they perpetrate. The practice of photographers taking pictures of the contestants' bottoms as they crouch on the starting line is lost in the mists of time.

This year's races, organized by a manufacturer of plastic lemons, produced some fast times and a crop of accidents.

In the grocery queens' race, Miss Tesco raced home in 14.3 seconds, despite becoming entangled in her sash three yards from the finish. One of her rivals dropped her pancake two yards from the start, failed to notice, and was disqualified for arriving with an empty frying pan. Miss *Evening News* took the beauty queens' title in 14.4 seconds.

The woman from the plastic lemon firm who was marshalling the competitors had wisely consulted an encyclopaedia. Shrove Tuesday, she stated authoritatively, derives from "shrive", meaning to confess. Women made pancakes to use up the eggs and fat banned during Lent, and when they heard the shriving bell calling them to confession they rushed out with their pans still in their hands. But they did not have their bottoms photographed.

Stood up

Monday was one of those days. I was stood up for lunch at the Travellers' Club by a former friend, and in the evening I went to a party that was not there.

Hamish Hamilton had invited numerous glamorous people to the restaurant of the gallery of the Insti temporary Arts m binion of photograp fiti, culled from a have just publishe at the polite time, mus: (some wou only) distinguished Fleet Street prow The Mall, banging wondering why eve locked up.

A resourceful re the *Daily Mirror* make contact with side the gallery, wh to open the door that the party and tion had been can last Thursday, and all please go home is more ugly than journalist deprived refreshment, and wa Mall for a while ways of getting eve message on the have been approp none of us has rem bring our paint-spri

Charles Lewis, of Garden Suburb, no Unrelated Participl Year this excerpt journal of the Hom summer Group: "Spe authority, the fish tently good and well

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PAIN'S PROGRESS TO THE EEC

Spanish foreign minister wently had a fairly cordial ption yesterday from both Callaghan and Mr Wilson. re is no need for anyone in Labour Party to get excited it that. Whatever one thinks it the pace of change in n since General Franco's h, there can be no doubt it the direction of it. Nor there be any doubt that r Areilza, along with his ague at the Interior, Señor a Iribarne, has had a great e in determining that direct- Both are former dignitaries. he Franco régime who took distances from it in its last s. Both served as ambassa- in European capitals. Both convinced of Spain's Euro- n destiny, and convinced that n ultimately be realized only n Spain becomes a full mem- of the European Community. know that this will be pos- only if Spain becomes a ocracy in a sense that other bers of the Community can gnize. Both would probably pt that liberal democracy is ny case the political system suited to an industrial ety such as Spain is now oming.

eñor Areilza would hardly m that Spain is a democracy this moment. What he can isibly say is that he and Señor Fraga hope to make it one within the next two years. He cannot unfortunately say with certainty that that is the policy of the government as a whole, for the prime minister in his speech to the Cortes on January 28 was deplorably vague on all the key points. He left it to Señor Fraga, in an interview with *The Times* the next day, to make it clear that there would be universal suffrage and full freedom of assembly. Such a pledge is clearly less binding on the government.

There appears to be a distribution of tasks: Señor Arias has to reassure the right-wingers still entrenched in many positions of power, while Señor Fraga and Señor Areilza reassure liberal opinion abroad. Someone sooner or later is going to be disappointed.

Meanwhile, Señor Areilza clearly needs and deserves encouragement from other European governments. That does not mean he should be given a blank cheque, but fortunately he is not asking for one. If he asked for immediate negotiations for Spanish accession, the Community would have to refuse—and indeed for it to accept would be to deprive him of his strongest argument in pressing for real democratization against the entrenched ultras at home. But he has made it clear that he does not envisage asking for formal negotiations before the summer of 1977, by which time, if things go according to Señor Fraga's plan, Spain will have a parliament elected by universal suffrage. That gives the Community plenty of time to indicate by what criteria Spain will be judged.

The questions to ask will be: is the government responsible to an elected authority (since there is no question of a directly elected executive), and is that authority (probably the lower house of the Cortes) the result of a free choice by all the people? The people can only exercise a free choice if there is freedom of expression and of association as well as of assembly. The present plan apparently proposes to limit freedom of association by excluding Communists. That may be the minimum safeguard which has to be offered to the right in the transitional phase, and it would probably be wrong for the Community to make an issue of it. (After all the West Germans did the same for a long time.) Yet eventually the Communists—who have substantial support among working class voters—will have to be allowed to play a normal role in Spain, rather than being kept underground. A democratic Spain will certainly be a most welcome member of the EEC.

LAYING WITH TRAINS ON TYNESIDE

people of Tyneside are erstandably annoyed at the ot behaviour of British Rail ards their rapid transit em which, on completion ut 1979, will be the most itious and up-to-date public nsport project in the country. en the scheme was first parked on British Rail were ited to join Tyneside in pro- ting, planning, and building but declined to do so— videntially as it turned out, ause Tyneside have been e to go ahead on their own h a fresh young team nhibited by the traditions l practices of the conven- nal railway.

he Tyneside "metro" will lightweight trains unique to s country, and sophisticated nalling and ticketing pro- ures unknown on British l and closely integrated with d buses. It does need for nty of its twenty-four miles, ever, track on which British now operates unattractive sparsely used passenger rices that would have been t down long ago were it not the prospect of the metro. er unofficial action by the lway unions the railways ard have now withdrawn from ir agreement last year to nd over this track for the metro, which they now say they want to operate themselves.

British Rail's belated conversion is perhaps understandable in the light of probable retrenchment elsewhere, but it is difficult to see how either the public interest or the railway cause can be served by it. There is no question, so far as Tyneside is concerned, of reverting from the metro to the existing railway, which is hopelessly uneconomic, absorbing half the County Council's public transport subsidy while carrying only 5 per cent of the passengers. Nor is operation of the metro by British Rail acting as agents regarded as feasible. This is of course done in other conurbations, and may be done in London as a result of this week's initiative by the Greater London Council, but they all have conventional railways, whereas Tyneside will not. To operate the metro as Tyneside propose would mean shedding the restrictive practices and cumbersome management that are dragging British Rail down; but Tyneside must be pardoned for thinking they would be retained, and would drag the metro down.

At an eventual £200m the Tyneside metro is a costly project that would hardly be sanctioned in these stringent days, and may yet founder (possibly to the Treasury's relief) if the dispute is not happily and speedily resolved. That would be a pity, because if the metro were to fulfil the planners' expectation and carried six times as many passengers at less cost than the existing trains, it could be the most hopeful portent for many a day for railway builders and operators in this country.

The railway unions are wrong to view the Tyneside prospect in arid terms of "hiving-off" and "balkanization of the public sector". The private interests of railwaymen are taken care of by Tyneside's guarantee of no redundancy, and the railway unions would profit from evolving a creative new partnership with a new employer. As for the theory of the thing, there was a timely reminder in our correspondence columns last week that what the Labour Party constitution calls for is not state ownership but common ownership. Neither board nor unions have any private rights in railway property which belongs to the public. The public most concerned in this case are the people of Tyneside, and unless it can be shown that the wider good would suffer thereby, their wishes should be promptly acceded to.

MET A LION, WHO GLAR'D UPON ME

e Woking lady who was braced in the street by a lion terday was encountering a ard that is less exotic than was. For all their dignified guor, lions breed like rabbits, l the growing popularity of ari parks has created a steady ply of delightful cubs which e found a ready market ong members of the public want to go one better than Alsatian. The lion on the rthrug, or lapping a saucer milk in the pub, or romping the reinforced ben-run is on way to becoming a familiar t in the suburbs. To a lesser nt, the same thing occurs other wild animals.

he Woking lion does not n to have meant any harm, done much. Indeed, it was known in the district and y local people would be y to see its outings restricted. whatever the manners of that icular beast, and the precautions taken by its owner, the species in general is not reliable, and a frightened or hurt lion could make havoc in a crowded street. Some people have bought lion cubs with little idea of the risk and expense of keeping them securely once they have grown up. Many cannot afford to confine them in proper comfort in respect of space, shelter and cleanliness.

The present law puts few restraints upon the man who likes to keep wild beasts. If a member of the public is attacked, it is possible to bring a civil action for damages under the Animals Act, 1971. But even if the action succeeds the animal may continue to be kept under the same conditions as before. A civil action for nuisance can be brought, on the grounds that the neighbours are afraid that it might escape, or are disturbed by its midnight snarling and the troops of curious onlookers. But such actions are costly and uncertain. It is paradoxical that every dog has to have a licence, while a leopard or a cobra does not.

As it happens a private member's Bill to introduce controls over dangerous pets is already before Parliament. It had its second reading last month and has a fair chance of becoming law; it could reasonably be given Government support. It would require an owner to ask the local authority for a licence to keep specified kinds of animals. The council would take account of the fears of the neighbours and the comfort of the beasts themselves (there would be a right of appeal for the owner to a magistrates' court). Zoos, circuses and licensed pet shops would be excluded. The categories specified, which are wide, may catch up some species that are not dangerous, but the basic form of the protection is very much what is needed. Indeed, controls of the same type might well be extended, for safari parks and circuses do not always keep their livestock in entirely satisfactory conditions.

ddle East peace

n the Rev Dr J. W. Parkes

The percipient article of rew Fanlds (February 23) on the inent danger to its future of el's present policy in the occu- territories calls for an appeal e Orthodox Israelis from those and Christians who also ve in a God active in his crea- but who interpret His activity rently. The issue is a fundamen- eligious challenge. If we believe in the second millenium BC called Abraham to the world's sroads, and promised the Land im and his descendants, are we nned to believing that God's of the situation must be un- ged four thousand years later? world which is perpetually de- ping, does not the fulfilment lis promises develop also?

e record says that, if Abraham ained faithful to his call, "all families of the earth" would lessed in him. And it was from Jews that monotheism took firm among the nations. Surely to the significant fact is that the l is again at the crossroads of world civilization whose emer- e lies before us, but its contri- n needs to be different. Today the home of the world's three otheistic communities. Of these are *two* that need autonomy their full expression. Both li Jews and Muslim Arabs need whereas the Christian needs balancing quality of equal citi- hip in whatever community he

Does this not challenge us today in a way comparable to the challenge to Abraham? Is not this changed challenge the evidence of God's unchanging purpose? There will not be peace without the creative cooperation of Jew, Muslim and Christian, of Israeli and Arab.

Yours, etc,
JAMES PARKES,
Nethertoo,
Iwerne Minster,
Blandford, Dorset.

Central London parking

From Mr Ivor Hall

Sir, I notice that the GLC are considering a tax on "large" office car parks in central London.

I am sure that private companies will reluctantly accept such a tax if the GLC at the same time will carry out the same legislation on their own free car parking spaces in their numerous buildings in central London and will also, on applying to the Government for approval, ask them to impose the same tax on all individuals who enjoy the large free government car parks (and in particular I think of Horseguards Parade which has been totally spoilt by the car park) then justice will seem to have been done.

Or will we find the Labour controlled GLC's philosophy matching that of our present Government—"Do as I say not as I do".

Yours faithfully,
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6 Erskine Hill,
Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11.

Rural bus service

From Mr F. A. S. Wood

Sir, Mr Gabriel Roth in his article (Monday, February 23) suggests that large (and by implication) state owned public transport undertakings cannot provide sufficiently responsive services, and that this tendency is strengthened by the protection given to existing operators. What he does not discuss, perhaps, is the needs for continuity and stability in operating public transport.

However, when he suggests that existing operators are inflexible, the example which Mr Roth praises counters his own argument. The experimental minibus operation in Norfolk in which unpaid volunteers drive the buses was in fact initiated by the National Bus Company. We do appreciate the special needs of remote rural areas. This is just one possible answer; others are being studied.

It is true that the service is designed to complement existing services (by feeding into them) rather than to compete with them. It is open to question, though, whether the best interests of that general area would be served by allowing the established routes to be whittled away by a number of uncoordinated local services.

Yours faithfully,
FREDDIE WOOD, Chairman,
National Bus Company,
25 New Street Square, EC4.
February 25.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Visit of Brazilian President

From Mr Alexander Kitson

Sir, I wonder if I might be allowed to answer some of the points raised in the letter from the Brazilian Ambassador, published in your columns of February 27.

I would like to take up first the point he raises in his last paragraph. I am afraid the report in *The Times* of February 26, to which he refers, was not accurate. I did not mention the question of invitations to a banquet, although one of my colleagues on the National Executive Committee, in an intentionally light-hearted intervention, did.

On a more serious level, though, I did not attempt to suggest that our political system in Britain was so perfect that we want to preach lessons to foreign governments. My point was that Brazil did not have the sort of government that I, as a member of the Labour Party, want to give the stamp of approval to, by inviting the President on a state visit.

As to the question of whether President Geisel was the right target for my attack, I would just say that he is the Head of State and therefore the representative of the Brazilian Government. The Ambassador said that President Geisel is trying to move in the direction of political liberalization. So far he has not shown many results. I do not consider it to denote political liberalization when more than 60 members of the opposition party and their supporters are arrested, within a year of making big electoral gains. It seems to show that the opposition party is only allowed to function freely as long as it is ineffectual.

I might add that it is also estimated that altogether in 1975 about 1,500 people were detained. Substantial evidence has also been forthcoming about cases of torture. I would instance just one well-known case, that of Vladimir Herzog, a journalist, who died in custody after voluntarily presenting himself for interrogation. There are many other examples I could quote. I trust that these are good reasons for not wishing to have the President in this country and this is why I submitted the motion to the National Executive Committee.

Yours faithfully,
ALEX KITSON,
Member of National Executive Committee,
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Transport House,
Smith Square, SW1.

From Mr Ian Mikardo, Labour MP for Tower Hamlets, Bethnal Green and Bow, and others

Sir, Might we suggest that if President Geisel is sincerely interested in curbing violations of human rights and in listening to the broadest range of political opinion (Brazilian Ambassador's letter, February 27's *Times*) that he should prove his good faith by allowing an Amnesty International mission into Brazil in the coming months.

Yours faithfully,
IAN MIKARDO,
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55 Theobald's Road, WC1.

Common ownership

From Mr Bruce Alexander

Sir, Paul Derrick in his admirable letter of February 26 seeks to persuade the Labour Party to replace its emphasis on the state ownership of our productive resources by living up to its commitment to "common ownership".

The notion of common ownership, whereby an enterprise is owned and controlled exclusively by the people working in it, is one that transcends the current divisions of party politics. It is a notion already accepted and put into practice by many regardless of party, and hopefully will be seriously considered by many more who believe that people are capable of making decisions for themselves, that with the power of decision making comes the sense of responsibility, that coordinated self-interest leads to concern for the community. Aren't we suffering from a surfeit of paternalism—whether from large capitalistic companies or centralist government?

Mr David Watkins's Industrial Common Ownership Bill, before the Commons for its second reading on March 12, gives us all a much needed opportunity to discuss an idea that reduces industrial confrontation and positively encourages productivity.

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE ALEXANDER,
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Stoke-on-Trent,
Staffordshire.

Lord Goodman to the rescue

From Mr John Musgrove

Sir, To one individual at least one thing seems all too clear. The country, hopelessly divided, confused and dispirited, is drifting ever faster to unprecedented economic and political catastrophe.

I can no longer believe that salvation can be found with any of the political parties—still less through a coalition formed from such parties. If salvation is to be found it can now only be through certain outstanding personalities—individual men and women whom the country feels instinctively it can trust and whom it will follow—being given supreme direction of affairs.

Where are these personalities to be found? It seems to me that one above all others can provide the focus around which, as I believe, in a matter of hours the rest would coalesce—I refer to Lord Goodman. He has abundantly shown himself to possess those qualities of sagacity, persuasion, elasticity and broad-mindedness, for which our people cry out. Let him form a Government of National Emergency—from individuals from all walks and spheres of public life, *who will put Britain first.* The hour cries out for the man. Will all who think as I do help to swell that cry?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MUSGROVE, MS,
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Damages for air crash deaths

From Mrs Geoffrey Brigstocke

Sir, Two years ago today a DC10 crashed near Paris, killing 346 people, among them my husband.

There have been many painful aspects of that crash, but for me the hardest to bear has been the publicity given to the legal proceedings for damages.

I lost the husband to whom I had been married for 22 years; our four children lost their father. He was quiet, unassuming, modest; a man of integrity, judgment, humour, kindness and strength of character—the sheet anchor of our family. Who would presume to put a price on him?

My children and I (and I suspect most of the relatives of those who died in that DC10) wish only to be allowed to mourn with dignity.

Money would certainly be a help to me in bringing up the children and launching them on their careers. It would be even more of a help if it came soon. But please let us have no talk of vengeance, let us not be greedy for damages, which can never be in any sense a compensation.

Yours faithfully,
HEATHER BRIGSTOCKE,
41 Moore Street,
Chelsea, SW3.
March 2.

From Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk

Sir, Mr Kween, who was recently awarded what are now called "punitive damages" for the tragic loss of his son in the DC10 accident, has all our sympathy. But "Of the aircraft makers who have to find the compensation cash he said: 'If this is going to hurt them then it is wonderful.' The money would make no difference to the lives of the girls, he said". And in the same context he spoke of the compensation award as "Vengeance". As a vengeful Scot myself, I know just how he feels.

The snag is, the guilty aircraft makers will not be "hurt" at all, nor pay a single farthing. The "punitive" costs will be borne by innocent people who have invested their savings in insurance companies all over the world, and perhaps especially in Britain itself; whose experts doubtless thought that what they were undertaking to do was to take the calculated risk of compensating fairly for the actuarially estimated loss of earnings to a bereaved family. And, since the dreadful DC10 accident differs in no way from a series of motor accidents, the issue of making innocent insurers the whipping-boys who pay the "punitive" damages is of some moral as well as practical importance.

As for "vengeance money" itself, ie, the blood-money so long alien to our "civilised" law, there's something to be said for it. But it should be paid by the culprit. At present, our own law does this by imprisoning or fining him, if it's a case of criminal negligence. The defect is that the state keeps the fine, whereas I think it should be paid by way of solace to the bereaved. Since this fine is intended both as punishment and deterrent, it should be no more proper to insure against it than to insure against being fined for assault, fraud or burglary.

Meanwhile, the innocent insurers who pay "punitive" damages may one day get some reward. Whenever Charles I as a boy committed an offence, his "whipping-boy" William Murray was flogged instead. When Charles became King, he made Murray into the Earl of Dysart.

Yours truly,
IAIN MONCREIFFE of that Ilk,
Easter Moncreiffe,
Perthshire.

'The Four Freedoms of Poland'

From Count E. Raczynski

Sir, I write to express the gratitude of Polish readers of *The Times* all over the world to Bernard Levin for his article "The Four Freedoms of Poland, and the courageous protest of the 59 freedom-lovers," and to your paper for publishing it so prominently in your issue of February 25, 1976.

Mr Levin is right in saying that though the demands of 59 Polish intellectuals will remain unheeded by the country's communist bosses it will not be forgotten by the nation. This act of courage will sound like a clarion call "The fight for freedom—wrote our great poet Adam Mickiewicz—once begun is a heritage which fathers bequeath to their sons!" This fight has never been interrupted in Poland.

In all the countries of the free world where Poles have settled, meetings of solidarity with our courageous spokesmen in the mother country are being held. In London at a meeting at the Imperial College on February 13, the Rt Hon Lady Hornsby-Smith and Professor Michael Foot joined Polish speakers in condemning the rule of oppression imposed on our country.

Mr Levin's clear and brilliant assessment of the present situation in Poland counts for more than a mere expression of sympathy with a suffering nation.

We welcome it as a positive help given us at a time when so much attention is devoted to so-called détente.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD RACZYNSKI,
Polish Ambassador to the Court of St James, 1934-1945,
8 Lennox Gardens, SW1.
February 25.

'Discount' on guilty plea

From Mr Ronald Irving

Sir, May I join issue with Mr C. J. Wood and Professor G. Trasler, who condemn plea bargaining? It is in fact highly moral and very sensible that a man who is prepared to admit his guilt should receive a lighter sentence.

We flatter ourselves that our criminal law is concerned to reform rather than punish. No one is in a better position than the accused to know whether he has intentionally transgressed the criminal law. His frank admission must be taken as some indication of his acceptance of responsibility towards society and a willingness to reform himself. It would be wrong not to encourage this by imposing a lighter sentence. It can be argued, too, that the measures necessary to assist his reform need be less severe.

No one may be convicted until his guilt has been established beyond doubt. An accused man who has persisted in denying his guilt when he alone knows the complete truth shows himself less inclined to reform.

Untruthfulness and unwarranted attacks on witnesses are surely relevant to the judge's final assessment of the seriousness of the case, as well as the accused's moral state when he comes to pass sentence.

Where the accused has contested his guilt to the very end it makes it virtually impossible for his advocate to put forward any matters in mitigation which might have been taken into account, had he admitted his responsibility, to justify the imposition of a lesser sentence.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD IRVING,
5 Upper Brook Street, W1.

Tate's brick sculpture

From Mr Victor Pasmore

Sir, At the risk of dragging on the agony or comedy of the now famous "Tate bricks" permit me to draw your attention to a few factors which perhaps should be considered by the taxpayer before running this sculpture out of town.

First, the significance of modern art is not so much that it has been revolutionary as that it constitutes a call to "start again". It is this call which links the most radical painting and sculpture today with modern science. Science too claims today that it is the herald of a new renaissance of the human mind with its revelations of some of the basic intrinsic mechanisms of the natural process. In the visual arts the manifestations of this claim have been many and diverse. In architecture—functionalism. In painting and sculpture both child art and primitive art have been hailed as models for renewal. But it is perhaps in purely abstract terms that renaissance has found its most positive expression.

It was surely Ruskin who first sensed the new direction (although unconsciously) when he accused Whistler of "flinging a pot of paint at the public". Precisely; for it was the pot of paint and not the pot of ideas which was to constitute the symbol of painting in a new scientific age, the validity of which depends on its belief in the objectivity of the natural process. Carl André has substituted bricks for the paint pot; but it is in this sense that his sculpture is an authentic symbol of modern art. Of course this does not mean that the work is above criticism in terms of quality; but it does mean that the Tate Gallery is justified in acquiring it for the national collection.

Mondrian began with the horizontal and vertical; Klee with a line going for a walk; Brancusi with his stones; Pollock with a blob of paint. Perhaps the new painter or sculptor should start with an electric impulse rather than an old fashioned brick. But nevertheless if André's brick plinth had been presented in a church or mausoleum as the tomb of an unknown warrior, no taxpayer would have raised a murmur. It is clear that modern art now needs a new dimension of the mind if it is to stimulate public imagination.

Yours, etc,
VICTOR PASMORE,
Dar Gamri,
Ta' Kaxxina,
Gudja, Malta.

Cost of passports

From Professor H. A. Ree

Sir, The cost of a passport has quietly been raised from £3 to £4 for a document valid for one year, and from £6 to £8 for one valid for ten years. I write to you to plead, not for special reductions for OAPs, students nor for teachers, but for pupils at school. The greatest sufferers are those learning a foreign language. The difficulty of learning a foreign language at school, and only at a school, is well known; the enormous value of a visit to a foreign country while learning its language is undeniable.

Already the cost of a passport dissuades many parents from paying for their children to go on an exchange or a foreign visit. The new increases will dissuade more. What is needed is a cheap passport for anyone under 18 who buys it while still at school; in order to encourage regular visits it could be valid for five years.

Surely the importance of children getting into the habit of travelling abroad, and learning a language, is recognized as desirable, not least by those who are keen on the development of the EEC. Let's encourage them.

Perhaps a Community passport could be devised for children attending a school, but French children at least wouldn't need one. They can enter this country with merely a French identity card. This costs them 10 francs and is valid for ten years. "Un peu d'égalité, Monsieur, un peu d'égalité."

Yours etc,
HARRY A. REE,
Woodberry Down School,
Woodberry Grove, N4.
March 1.

From Dr S. H. Aynsworth

Sir, It was with interest that I read in *The Times* of February 26 of the proposed increase in cost of a British passport from £6 to £8.

My wife, a West German national, has recently renewed her passport at the West German Embassy at a cost of 45p for five years!

Yours faithfully,
S. H. AYNSWORTH,
10 Beechcroft Road,
Alverstoke,
Gosport, Hampshire.
February 28.

RSPCA attitude to blood sports

From Mr F. A. Burden, Conservative MP for Gillingham

Sir, Newspaper and other reports of statements made after the RSPCA council meeting on February 25 seem to me to have been widely misinterpreted.

In my opinion no definitive new decisions were taken on hunting, shooting and fishing. There was reaffirmation only of the policy on hunting which council members were told had been in existence since 1971.

The society has recently made a grant of £7,000 to Exeter University for an expert and impartial investigation into the ecology of the fox, whether it is a pest and, if so, what are the best and most humane methods of control. It would surely be an incredible and inexcusable act of folly and waste of RSPCA money if the council had already decided to ignore the committee's findings and recommendations.

There was a reaffirmation of the existing attitude towards shooting, on which the council decided to set up a committee to investigate and report *before* attempting to define a policy. The same action is being taken on angling.

If the investigations, reports and recommendations are to have any authority or credibility the membership must comprise people of undoubted ability and impartiality. They must be allowed to carry out their task without interference and with complete freedom to take evidence from organizations representing shooting and fishing interests; from individual experts and from officers of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, many of whom have unrivalled experience in the field.

There is so much to be done to improve and promote animal welfare in areas which have the support of the great mass of public opinion and that of a considerable number of MPs of all political parties, that I believe the RSPCA must now concentrate on promoting and pursuing these.

If the society appears to have been taken over by a few emotional zealots determined to introduce unrealistic and divisive policies it will rapidly lose its position as our greatest animal welfare organization and a national institution.

Yours faithfully,
F. A. BURDEN,
House of Commons.
March 1.

Advantages of small firms

From Lord Taylor of Harlow

Sir, In your leading article "Small is Harmonious" (February 26), you point out the clear relationship between number and severity of industrial disputes and size of workplace. This is equally true for absence from work for health reasons and for voluntary general absence. The larger the factory work force, the higher the sickness rate and the voluntary absence rate. This was clearly shown by R. W. Revans in 1960.

Moreover, *accidents per 100,000* man shifts worked in mines rise steadily with the number of workers per mine. This rule applies even to nurses in hospital. In hospitals with less than 100 beds, the sickness rates for nurses are between a half and two thirds those of hospitals with 100 or more beds.

When I was looking after the health needs of over 100 factories in Harlow New Town, it became clear to me that the optimum size of factory, from the point of view of health and working morale, was somewhere between 50 and 500 employees. Such factories often achieved very high levels of both productivity and profitability. Unfortunately, they were singularly prone to take-over bids. Once they became part of a large organization, they were always in danger. Relative failure of the parent company, when the small subsidiary is profitable, may lead to attempts to transfer the profitable work of the small organization to its unsuccessful big brother. It is a wise parent who rejoices in his children's successes and has the sense to leave well alone.

Yours, etc,
TAYLOR,
House of Lords.
March 1.

The redundant male

From Mr Terence Feely

Sir, I have been waiting for someone more scientifically authoritative—although not necessarily more imaginative—to draw the ultimate and stunning conclusion from your article (February 21) on the current status of the techniques known as "cloning". He has not been forthcoming; I must therefore do it myself.

The alarming projection here is not, it seems to me, the possibility of reproducing numbers of identical human beings or of genetically engineering a change in the species, unpleasant though these possibilities undoubtedly are: the really shocking extrapolation from the known facts is that the perfected technique of "cloning" in the human species will fundamentally and irreversibly alter the biological relationship between the sexes.

If it is really going to be possible to impregnate the female egg by removing its nucleus and replacing it with the nucleus of a cell—any cell—from the "reproducer" (one can not even say "father"), the will could be a woman's, without the intervention at any point of male sperm then the human male has, in theory, become biologically redundant.

We all know what, [illegible] speaking, has been [illegible] of the biologically redundant [illegible].

I am not pleading for suppression of the technique, but I do wonder how, when the [illegible] of successful cloning in the human species has really [illegible], the already besieged masculine psyche will adjust to it.

Yours faithfully,
TERENCE FEELY,
21, Drayton Gardens,
South Kensington, SW10.
February 28.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 2: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Right Hon Harold Wilson, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Central Council of Physical Recreation at 70 Brompton Road this morning and was later present at luncheon with the Executive Committee.

Lord Rupert Nevill was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Patron of the Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland, this evening attended a Reception given by the Club at the Mansion House.

The Duke of Edinburgh was received upon arrival by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor.

His Royal Highness was later present at dinner with the Officers of the Intelligence Corps at the Painters' Hall, and was received by the Colonel Commandant (Major-General J. M. Gow).

Major Charles Fenwick was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
March 2: Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston has succeeded the Lady Jean Rankin as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

YORK HOUSE
March 2: The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the Not-Forgotten Association, this afternoon visited St David's Home in Ealing.

Miss Jane Pugh was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Lord Armstrong of Sanderstead, 61; Air R. C. Brooks, 77; Miss Joan Hassal, 70; Mr Ivon Hitchens, 83; Major-General E. B. Marsh, 86; Mr Robert Mellish, MP, 53; Sir Ralph Murray, 68; Mr Hugh Radcliffe, 65; the Right Rev Dr J. R. Richards, 75; Dame Enid Russell-Smith, 73; Mr Ronald Searle, 56; Mr Cecil Thomas, 91; Professor Jocelyn Toynbee, 79; Sir John Ward, 67.

Today's engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, attend premiere of Rossini's *La Cenerentola* by La Scala, Covent Garden, 7.25.
Princess Anne lunches with the editor and members of *Punch* staff, 23 Tudor Street, Fleet Street, 12.45.
The Duke of Kent visits factory of James Purdey and Sons, North Wharf Road, Paddington, 11.
The Duchess of Kent opens North Tees General Hospital, Stockton, 11.20.
Lecture: Thracian tradition in Bulgarian art, by Professor Mara Tsontcheva, British Museum, 6.
Lecture: The identity and social function of the National Gallery today, by Mr Richard Cork, National Gallery, 6.30.
Organ recital: Jonathan Katz, Westminster Abbey, 6.30-7.15.

Winter ball

The Winter Ball in aid of the Conservative marginal seats in the Greater London area was held yesterday at the Dorchester hotel. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP, with Mr Denis Thatcher, was the guest of honour. Among others present were:

The Bowager Viscountess Davidson, president, Mrs Airey Neave, chairman, and Sir Airey Neave, MP, Lord and Lady Aldbrick of Hackney, Mr Humphrey Atkins, MP, and Mrs Atkins, Mr Winston Churchill, MP, and Mrs Churchill, Lord and Lady Duncan-Sandys, Mr Peter Emery, MP, and Mrs Emery, Mr John Gorst, MP, and Mrs Gorst, Mr Edward Hoy, Mr Michael Heseltine, MP, and Mrs Heseltine, Sir Edwin and Lady McAlpine, Mr and Mrs Alistair McAlpine, Mrs Sally Oppenheim, MP, and Mr Henry Oppenheim, Mr John Perton, MP, and Mrs Perton, the Marquess and Marchioness of Reading, Sir David Renton, MP, and Lady Renton, Sir Graham and Lady Rowlandson, Mr William Shelton, MP, and Mrs Shelton, Mr John Stanley, MP, and Mrs Stanley, Dr and Mrs Frank Taylor, Lord and Lady Thorneycroft, Sir John and Lady Tilney, and Miss R. Wynn-Pope.

Youth orchestra gift

The National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain is to receive £45,000 in sponsorship from Lloyds Bank over the next three years and a permanent endowment of £250 a year.

Theatre festival

Oxford is to have a ttheatre festival at the Oxford Playhouse from July 20 to September 18. Mr Gyles Brandreth will be artistic director.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. E. Boot and Miss K. R. Musgrave
The engagement is announced between Robert Eric, son of Mr and Mrs Eric Boot, of St Ann's, Nottingham, and Katharine Rice, daughter of Mr and Mrs Forrest Musgrave, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Mr M. L. R. Emley and Miss T. M. R. Powell
The engagement is announced between Miles, elder son of Colonel and Mrs Derek Emley, of Tennys Court, Marnhull, Dorset, and Tessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Radclyffe Powell, of Downgate Farm, Petersfield, Hampshire.

Mr J. G. Forrest and Miss B. B. Bagot
The engagement is announced between Graham, elder son of the late Mr E. G. Forrest and of Mrs B. A. Forrest, of Queensland, and Briony, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. H. Bagot, of South Australia.

Mr A. Green and Miss S. Potter
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Donald Green, of Cardiff, Glamorganshire, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs George Potter, of Bunbury, Cheshire.

Dr M. G. R. Hull and Dr G. Goodden
The engagement is announced between Michael George Rayworth, son of Dr and Mrs L. G. R. Hull, of Doncaster, Yorkshire, and Griselda Frances Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Antony Goodden, of Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Mr R. K. Lane-Smith and Miss S. V. Brown
The engagement is announced between Ronald Keith, son of Mr and Mrs A. A. Lane-Smith, of Warrior Square, St Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex, and Susan Vaughan, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. W. Brown, of Franshams, Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire.

Dr R. J. Willis and Miss M. E. S. Grant
The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Mr Harold I. Willis, QC, and Mrs Willis, of Homington House, Coombe Bissett, Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Mary, daughter of Mrs E. C. Grant, of Vine Cottage, Bromham, Bedfordshire, and the late Mr G. A. Grant.

Marriage

Major J. A. Friend and Mrs H. J. M. Bevan
The marriage took place quietly at Chelsea Old Church on March 2 between Major James Arthur Friend and Mrs Diana Rosemary Bevan.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include.
Air Vice-Marshal A. McK. S. Steedman to be Air Member for Supply and Organization in June, 1976, with the acting rank of air marshal, in succession to Air Chief Marshal Sir Anthony Heward.
Air Vice-Marshal H. Durkin to be Controller of Engineering and Supply (RAF) in May, 1976, with the acting rank of air marshal, in succession to Air Marshal Sir Charles Pringle.
Professor E. C. Baughan, to be professor emeritus of the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham.
Rear-Admiral H. Gardner to be President of the Ordnance Board in succession to Major-General P. J. M. Pellereau, from March 1.

Service dinner

Intelligence Corps
The Duke of Edinburgh was guest of honour at the annual dinner of officers of the Intelligence Corps, held yesterday evening at Painters' Hall. The Colonel Commandant, Major-General J. M. Gow, presided. Among others present were:
Lieutenant-General Sir David Willison, Lieutenant-General Sir William Scotter, Major-General Harold R. Aaron (United States Army), Major-General A. G. Woodrow, Brigadier C. G. Wallis-King, Mr R. A. Sykes and the Master of the Painter-Stainers' Company.

Church news

Appointments:
The Rev J. R. Balch, curate of Fulwood, diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of St Paul's, Northumberland Heath, diocese of Rochester.
The Rev L. C. Brotherton, curate of Sollhull Parish Church, diocese of Birmingham, to be Vicar of St Anne's, Moseley, same diocese.
The Rev D. Henley, curate in the team ministry of Holy Trinity with St Columba's, Fareham, diocese of Portsmouth, to be priest-in-charge of St Clare's, Leigh Park, same diocese.
Canon T. B. Hughes, Rector of Llangefni, to succeed the Rev W. B. W. Thomas as Archdeacon of Merioneth.
The Rev H. L. Phair, former Chaplain, RAF, to be Vicar of High Ercall and Rowton, diocese of Lichfield.
The Rev W. L. Richards, Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Hereford and Rector of Stretton Sugwas, to be Prebendary of Hereford Cathedral.
The Rev A. M. Roff, curate of Blackburn Cathedral, to be Vicar of St Andrew's, Longton, same diocese.
The Rev A. C. A. Smith, Vicar of Easingwold with Raskelf and Rural Dean of Easingwold, diocese of York, to be non-residentiary canon of York Minster.
The Rev F. Smith, Vicar of All Saints', East Meon, diocese of Portsmouth, to be also Vicar of St John's, Langrish, same diocese.
The Rev C. Watt-Wyness, curate of Scarborough Parish Church, diocese of York, to be Vicar of St Michael's, Bossington, Doncaster, diocese of Sheffield.

Agnews buy Turner work a third time

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Two bright and vaporous Turner landscape watercolours were the chief attraction at Christie's sale yesterday, selling at £14,300 each with premium (estimate £8,000 to £12,000). They are both Swiss views, one of the Lake of Lucerne and the other of the Lake of Thun, and are thought to date from about 1840. Both were bought by Agnews, the Turner specialists. It was the third time that the firm had bid successfully for the Lake of Lucerne at Christie's; it cost 155 guineas in 1887 and 400 guineas in 1908.

The sale room was packed and the bidding competitive, bringing a total of £112,280, with 7 per cent unsold. There were only two weak areas in the sale: a Blake drawing unsold at £2,400 and a group of Cotman pencil sketches.

The Fine Art Society paid £8,250 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000) for an unfaded and typically dramatic John Martin watercolour, "The Traveller". Two tiny figures are depicted on a wild mountain ledge, while misty valleys stretch into the distance. A cheerful pastoral scene by Martin, "The Cornfield", went to Baskett and Day for £1,320.

Christ Church, Oxford, spent £3,300 on an early Turner watercolour of the cathedral viewed from the Dean of Christ Church's garden (estimate £1,500 to £2,500). A view of Christ Church itself in 1805 by John Chessel Buckler was bought for £220 (estimate £200 to £300) by Roy Miles on behalf of the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

Other good prices included £5,500 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000) paid by the Brook Street Gallery for a view of Jerusalem by David Roberts, and £2,420 (estimate £600 to £800) paid by Leggatt for a sparkling William Callow view of Venice. Christie's were by no means displeased to sell a John "Warwick" Smith view of Lake Geneva to Spink's for £418 (with premium), which had sold at Phillips's in October for £190 (without premium).

Christie's were also selling Chinese export porcelain, for a total of £163,340. Although 12 per cent was unsold, a group bought back on instructions from the family accounted for 10 per cent of that, notably a *famille rose* part dinner service bought in at £12,000. The top price was £13,570 (estimate £8,000 to £12,000) for a dramatically decorated pair of "Rose Imari" vases and covers, standing 49 inches high.

A *famille rose* goose tureen was sold at £11,000 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000) and a pair of *famille-rose* mandarin vases (51 inches high), which were unsold last summer at £6,825, were sold for £7,920. A rare amorial punchbowl decorated with Hogarth's "Roast Beef of Old England" made £3,190 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000).

Nelson connexion: Three relics of Boatswain John C. Brown, who was at Trafalgar in the 98-gun Neptune, were sold for £1,500 at Phillips's yesterday, with the Royal Navy narrowly failing in an attempt to secure some of its own history.

The items comprised a 1,600-word diary of the battle kept by Brown, his naval General Service Medal, with its two rare campaign bars, and a fine George III gilt boatswain's call or pipe which was presented to him by an officer. Estimated at £1,000, the group was bought by J. B. Hayward and Son, the London medal specialists, "for stock". The underbidder was the wardroom of HMS Neptune, the Clyde submarine base, which sent a commander to London to bid. The items were sold by an Essex woman and they had been in a private collection.

In the sale of arms and armour, which totalled £17,629, with 8 per cent unsold, Jenkinson paid £1,200 for an eighteenth-century French court sword (estimate £800 to £1,000).

In a sale of furniture, which totalled £53,600, with 5 per cent unsold, Turpin paid £2,400 for a pair of late-eighteenth-century dwarf open cabinets (estimate £2,000), and Lardner paid £2,100 for a William-and-Mary marquetry chest (estimate £1,500).

The Chinese famille-rose goose tureen that fetched £11,000 at Christie's yesterday.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr James Callaghan, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Señor Don José Maria de Areilza, Count of Motrico, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain. Among those present were:
The Spanish Chargé d'Affaires, Señor Don Nuno Aguirre de Carcer, Señor Don Pedro Cisneros, Marques de Ayerbe, Señor Don Rafael de los Ríos, Señor Don Raimundo Bassols, Señor Don Carlos Fernandez-Longoria, Señor Don Francisco José Mayans, Señor Don Alberto Aza, Mr Robert Mellish, MP, the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, Mr C. D. Wright, Mr K. Taylor, Mr A. H. Campbell, Mr R. S. Wright, Mr L. J. Lickorish, Professor Hugh Thomas, Mr David Stool, MP, Sir Michael Thomas, MP, Mr Hugh Dykes, MP, Mr T. O. McCaffrey, Mr J. McNally, and Mr E. A. J. Ferguson.

HM Government
Mr William Rodgers, Minister of State for Defence, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Admiralty House in honour of Mr A. Stemerdink, Netherlands State Secretary for Defence. Others present included:
Mr H. T. Schaapveld, Lieutenant-General J. Horsen, Lieutenant-General T. A. Van Zanten, Major-General H. Dieters, Colonel T. Brink, Colonel W. Epko, Lieutenant-Commander R. P. Perie, Professor Sir Hermann Bondi, Air Marshal Sir Douglas Lowe, Mr A. L. Williams, MP, Mr P. Goodhart, MP, Mr B. A. Sykes, Major-General A. J. Jackson, Mr G. T. Sandars, Mr E. C. Cornford and Lieutenant-Colonel P. G. Duffield.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
Mr Arthur Bottomley, MP, deputy chairman, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, United Kingdom branch, was host yesterday at a luncheon held in the House of Commons by the executive committee in honour of the High Commissioner for Tanzania and the Acting High Commissioner for Kenya. Among others present were:
Sir Bernard Braine, MP, Sir George Sinclair, MP, Mr James Johnson, MP, Mr James Tinn, MP, and Mr Peter Mahon.

National Sporting Club
Members of the National Sporting Club gave a luncheon in honour of Mr Pat Eddery in the Café Royal yesterday. The club's trophy, awarded to the Horseman of the Year, was presented to Mr Eddery by the Duke of Beaufort, Master of the Horse. Air Chief Marshal Sir Augustus Walker, chairman of the club, presided, and the speakers were Judge Argyle, QC, and Mr Christopher Collins. Among others present were:
Lord Hirshfield, Lord Mancroft, Lord and Lady Wakefield of Kendal, Sir Desmond and Lady Plummer, Mrs Argyle, Major and Mrs Derek Allnutt, Mr Alan Bond, Mr Leslie Bond, Air Commodore W. T. Brooks, Mrs Christopher Collins, Mr and Mrs Edward Courage, Mr and Mrs Louis Freedman, Miss Mary Gordon-Watson, Colonel and Mrs Peter Hamer, Sir Cecil Mrs Edward Hide, Mr and Mrs Jack Clifford, Miss Dorothy Lewis, Mr Richard Meade, Mr and Mrs J. O. James, Major and Mrs Michael Pope, Captain and Mrs Ryan Price, Mrs Brooke Sanders, Colonel and Mrs Alex Scott, Miss Meriel Tufnell, Sir Edward Underdown, Miss Frances Vittadini, Mr and Mrs Peter Walwyn, Mr Bryan Marshall, and Mr Neville Watson.

Receptions

Ministry of Overseas Development
Mr. Reg Prentice, Minister for Overseas Development, and Mrs Prentice were the hosts at a reception held yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of the members of the special course for government legal officers from overseas.

Westminster School
The Head Master of Westminster School held a reception yesterday evening in Ashburnham House after the Henry Tizard Memorial Lecture given by Professor Steven Rose. Professor G. D. Dawson was in the chair. Among those present were:
Professor N. Ashton, Professor H. Bachelard, Professor E. G. Baughan, Professor A. Cameron, Professor C. Chapman, Professor S. R. Coles, Professor L. H. Collier, Professor E. H. Coulson, Professor H. E. G. Cox, Professor C. F. Collis, Professor S. P. Datta, Lieutenant-General Sir John Eldridge, Sir David Follett, Professor P. B. Gallan, Professor C. H. Gray, Professor Judith Greene, Lord Rolsby, Professor H. L. C. Ingram, Professor P. J. Kelly, Professor K. W. Keonan, Lord Kings Norton, Professor P. J. Lawther, Professor J. O. Lyer, Sir Hugh Linstead, Professor J. P. R. O. Naylor, Professor F. M. Page, Professor J. E. Prentice, Dr Magnus Pyke, Lord Rea, Professor H. Rose, Professor R. A. Shaw, Dr O. A. T. Lord, Mr R. H. Tizard, Professor J. S. Weiner, Professor G. Wilkinson, and Professor L. Wolpert.

Supper party

HM Government
Mr Hugh Jenkins, minister responsible for the arts, and Mrs Jenkins were hosts yesterday to Mr Yusuf Al Sibai, Egyptian Minister for Culture and Information, at a performance of *Tosca* and at supper at the London Coliseum. The guests included:
Mrs Nefisa El Ghandour, Mrs Sana Abbas Haafez, Mr and Mrs Abdel Halim Abdel Hamid Badawi, Mr John Morgan, Mr and Mrs G. J. Spence, and Miss Mary Giles.

Dinners

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
The deputy secretary-general of the general council, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Mr Ian Grey, gave a dinner last night at Stone's Chop House in honour of a delegation from St Kitts led by Mr Paul Southwell, Deputy Premier and Minister of Trade, Industry and Tourism. The other guests included:
Mr Arthur Blenkinsop, MP, Mr Richard Body, MP, Mr Hubert Hunter, Mr Lee Moore, Mr E. St John Payne, Dr Clendits C. Thomas, and Mr Pallitha Weerasinghe.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended the annual dinner of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors held yesterday evening at Grosvenor House. The President, Mr David M. Doig, was in the chair, and the other speakers were Lord Mackenzie Stuart, the High Commissioner for New Zealand and Mr J. C. R. Weeks. Other guests included:
The Duke of Atholl, Viscount Amory, Lord O'Hagan, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Chairman of the Greater London Council.

Strafford Club
The Strafford Club met for dinner at Magdalene College, Cambridge, yesterday evening. The president, Lord William Taylour, was in the chair, and the guest of honour was the Rev Paul Crane, SJ.

University news

Belfast
Appointments:
Dr R. R. Gillies, MD, reader in the department of bacteriology, Edinburgh University, has been appointed to the chair of clinical bacteriology.
Dr K. D. Buchanan, MD PhD (Glas), senior lecturer in the department of medicine, has been appointed to a personal chair in metabolic medicine.
Dr R. G. R. Bacon, BSc, PhD (Lond), reader in chemistry on secondment to Ife University, Nigeria, has been appointed to a personal chair of organic chemistry.
Dr D. A. D. Montgomery, MD (Belf), physician-in-charge of the Clark Metabolic Unit, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, has been appointed to an honorary professorship in the department of medicine.
The title of lecturer in agricultural bacteriology has been conferred on A. P. Damaglon, BSc (Dub), PhD (Hull).
Grant:
£1,000 from Ore Beers Industrial Diamond Division to the department of mechanical and industrial engineering for research on properties of tungsten carbide under complex stress at temperatures up to 600° C, under Professor B. Crossland.

Hull
Grants
£26,187 from Science Research Council to Dr E. L. Thomas, applied physics, for research into chemical pollution in the atmosphere.
£11,276 from Manpower Services to Dr B. O. Pelman and Mr B. Showler for research into impact of trained labour on North Humberside local market.

Jubilee festival

Next year's Brighton Festival is to move from May to July (6-17). It will have as its theme "The world of under 25, yesterday and today", a tribute to the Queen's silver jubilee, and feature soloists aged under 25 and works written by composers when they were in their early twenties.

Science report

Medicine: Cause of multiple sclerosis

The evidence that a virus causes multiple sclerosis has resolved only one of several puzzles about the disease. But the test used by Dr Gertrude Henle, of Philadelphia University school of medicine, to reveal the virus has also enabled her to shed some light on the question of why only some people seem to be susceptible. She has shown that many people may be infected with the virus, but only some develop multiple sclerosis as a result.

Her evidence for that is the presence of antibodies to the virus in blood samples taken from the relatives of patients. But she was able to detect those antibodies only after she had found a reliable test for the presence of the virus itself.

The virus is extremely elusive, and has never actually been seen under a microscope. It betrays its presence only indirectly: when brain fluid from multiple sclerosis patients is injected into mice it produces a slight but recognizable illness. If the fluid is first passed through a fine filter it can no longer cause the illness in mice. Therefore, Dr Henle and her colleagues reason, there is a small infectious particle in the fluid.

(The multiple sclerosis virus may well be similar to the equally invisible virus that is believed to cause scrapie in sheep. Scrapie, like multiple sclerosis, attacks the nervous system by damaging the insulating sheath of the nerves.)

The presence of antibodies in blood samples could be detected from their ability to prevent the injections from infecting the mice. That was how Dr Henle found them in the healthy relative of multiple sclerosis patients. But, even more interesting, she found that they were particularly common in blood samples from East Africans, in whom multiple sclerosis is virtually unknown.

Why do some people develop symptoms and others not? It is not that multiple sclerosis patients do not produce antibodies: all patients were found to have antibodies in their bloodstream.

There are two kinds of clue to the question. One is connected with age, and ties in with the discovery of antibodies in a large proportion of East Africans. In hot, underdeveloped countries there is less protection from infection and people are likely to be exposed while they are still very young. Many viral diseases (for example poliomyelitis) are much severer in adults than in children. Multiple sclerosis, which is never seen in children, may be a case in point.

The other clue is in some peculiarities of the patients themselves. Recent research in France has shown that multiple sclerosis patients respond differently from other people to infection. Some infections cause them to make more antibodies than other people, and some cause them to make fewer. They are also twice as likely as other people to have had their tonsils or appendix out.

That suggests that there is something peculiar about the immune response of multiple sclerosis patients, although it is not clear exactly how that is related to the disease. In fact specialists are still undecided about what exactly causes the symptoms of multiple sclerosis. It has been debated for some time whether it is the virus itself that does the damage, or whether it is the body's immune response to the infected cells.

It is possible that the disease may alter the infected cells in such a way that they are attacked by the immune system in exactly the way that a grafted organ is rejected by a transplant patient. In that case it should be possible to treat multiple sclerosis with the same immunosuppressant drugs that are used to prevent graft rejection.

That was the theory behind a preliminary trial run a few years ago at the Medical Research Council Clinical Research Centre at Harrow. Fourteen multiple sclerosis patients were treated with immunosuppressant drugs and followed up for a year. The results of that trial were encouraging but inconclusive, and further research is under way to establish whether the apparently good results were due to chance or to the treatment.

Another well known but puzzling feature of multiple sclerosis patients is that they tend to have a particular tissue type. Tissue type (which is like blood type except that it applies to solid tissues instead of blood cells) is inherited, and its inheritance is known to be linked with inherited disease resistance. Although the nature of the link is not fully understood, it seems very likely that tissue type, response to infection and the susceptibility to multiple sclerosis are causally related.

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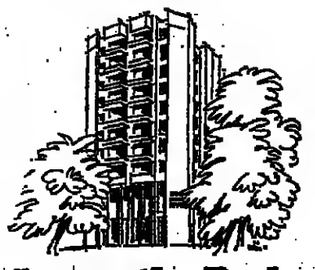

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The future of the foreign secretaryship is becoming one of the predominant issues of domestic politics with all sorts of international ramifications. Preparations are now being made for a four-power conference of greater importance than any conference held since the war, and the question inevitably arises whether Mr Bevin, in his present state of health, will be well enough to undertake the great responsibility of representing Britain in these discussions.

Rumours thickened yesterday of the impending resignation of Mr Bevin—who returned earlier in the week from convalescence at Eastbourne after an attack of pneumonia—and a Reuter message sent out from London in the afternoon reported that after a private discussion with the Prime Minister he had decided to resign his post as Foreign Secretary.

Latest wills

Mrs Elaine Winifred Montague-Panton, of Angmering, Sussex, left £428,783 net. She left £20,000 and personal chattels to her sister, Gladys, £19,600 and some effects to other personal legatees, and the residue upon trust for her sister and five charities, in such proportions as her trustees determine.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed):
Palmer, Mr Derek Charles, of Hythe, Kent £171,016
Clancarty, Lord, seventh earl, of Faringdon £42,679
Wheeler, Sir Charles, of Belgravia, London, former chairman of Sheerness Steel Company and of Associated Electrical Industries (intestate) £48,017

OBITUARY

REV CANON H. K. ARCHDA

Distinguished Church service

The Rev Canon Henry Archdall, Chancellor of St David's Cathedral from 1940 to 1956, died on February 27. By his death the Anglican Church and the Church in Wales have lost a distinguished and devoted servant. He had already had a notable career in his native Australia and in New Zealand before returning to Britain, where at Cambridge he had held important office before the First World War, but his sphere of greater service was as Principal of St David's College, Lampeter. He was a great teacher, a considerable scholar, and an arresting preacher. Whatever he did bore the mark of his personality, and it was done with a modesty and a self-effacement which added much to his charm, and which gathered around him many friends.

Henry Kingsley Archdall was born at Balmain, Sydney, New South Wales in 1886, son of the late Rev Mervyn Archdall and one of a long line of Anglican clergymen. He was educated at Sydney Grammar School, and at Sydney University where he took First-Class Honours in Philosophy and Classics and won the Woolley Travelling Scholarship as well as Professor Anderson's Philosophic Prize. Coming to Trinity College, Cambridge, he took the Advanced Students' Degree in Christian Ethics, and in 1911 he was elected Fellow and Lecturer of Corpus Christi. Three years later he became Dean of the College, but then there came an insistent call for him to return to Australia, and he returned as Rector of Christchurch, Newcastle, and Dean of the diocese. From 1919 to 1926 he was headmaster and chaplain of Armidale School, New South Wales, and Canon of St Peter's Cathedral, until, in the latter year, he crossed to New Zealand upon his appointment as headmaster and chaplain of King's College, Auckland. There he remained until 1935, exercising considerable influence upon young life of the Dominion when he was invited to come once more to Britain as Chaplain and Director of Religious Studies at Wellington College.

After only three years at Wellington, he was selected to follow that great figure in the Church in Wales, Maurice Jones, as Principal at Lampeter. He not only continued, and extended, the remarkable influence of Maurice Jones that under his guidance Lampeter gained even wider recognition as a centre of training of the clergy. He always laid great stress on the importance of a general university education as well as of theological instruction in the preparation of men for Orders, and under him it became an increasingly important feature of the life at Lampeter.

In 1941, he was elected Fellow of Jesus College, and in 1940 he had been appointed Chancellor of St David's Cathedral. He was made Canon Emeritus at St David's in 1956. Shortly after the outbreak of the Second World War, he was sent upon a three months preaching and lecturing tour of the United States, where he made a considerable impression. He was Visiting Fellow at Yale University in 1954-55. Visiting Professor at Berkeley Divinity School from 1954 to 1959. Episcopal Chaplain at Freiburg from 1957 to 1959. He was made an Hon LLD of the University of Wales in 1971.

In his early days in Australia, he was a keen sportsman representing St Paul's College of the University of Sydney at rowing, running, football, shooting, but during later years and especially while at St David's, his leisure hours were spent in his absorbing hobby of gardening.

He married Laura M[illegible] and they had three sons and one daughter. Two sons were killed in action in the Second World War.

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erial Chemical Industries, r's largest synthetic fibre cer, plans to cut its labour by 4,500 in Britain and e during the next four This will mean a cut of 30 per cent.

revamping follows a turnround in the group's activities, which last year ed into a £31m loss after n profit in 1974. Senior ives have been reviewing ects of the fibres side.

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group has already pruned uropean operation and of the further job cuts will in Britain, where ICI ys directly about 14,000 , with another 2,500 in iary companies.

Rowland Wright, ICI man, said yesterday that view of the fibres business een of critical importance iere was no point in be r the difficulties.

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t of the labour shedding robably be taken up by al wastage, voluntary re ncy and redeployment of rs to other areas within roup. The British cutbacks d at the beginning of this and so far about 200 workers have opted for voluntary severance terms.

ICI is the main British supplier of nylon and polyester fibre and has plants at Doncaster, Pontypool, Gloucester and Kilroot in Northern Ireland as well as the complex at Wilton on Teesside.

It does not think a shutdown of any of the main United Kingdom plants, which are operating at about 80 per cent of capacity, will be necessary. Its total output capacity in Britain is about 90 million kilogrammes a year.

The group's fibres activities elsewhere in the world have not suffered as badly as in Europe and at home. It is hopeful that the signs of recovery in the textile cycle, particularly in the United States, will be reflected in the United Kingdom before long.

ICI has been involved in discussion with the unions and they appear to have been convinced of the need for the reduction in the labour force, although Mr Wright acknowledged that it would be "a very difficult, prolonged and painful process".

Mr John Harvey Jones, main board member responsible for the fibres and textiles business, said that as a further measure to bring the business round, funds into the fibres area had been cut off.

In Europe, where ICI employed about 3,000 people in its fibres operation, a polyester texturizing plant at Kaiserslautern in West Germany has been shut down. The group is closing some of its obsolescent polyester filament yarn plant at Wilton, but Mr Harvey-Jones stressed that this was only the of the iceberg.

"To a large extent the fibres business in Europe must rest on the future of the textile industry in Europe. We are only at the beginning and it is not going to get any easier", he said.

This reappraisal is of great significance to the United Kingdom textile industry, and the losses ICI incurred last year in fibres have been experienced by almost every leading producer.

The group's total pre-tax profits for the year at £327m were 28 per cent below the level achieved in 1974, and Mr Wright said that this had been less severe than experienced by some other international chemical groups.

But he stressed that the group would continue to be at a serious disadvantage until the British inflation rate was the same as that experienced by its competitors.

Inflation had boosted demand for additional working capital—ICI needed about an extra £100m last year—and it had also led to a doubling in the cost of building plants.

Capital spending (excluding the Ninian oilfield) last year had been just over £300m, and this year was likely to be about £400m, a marginal increase after allowing for inflation.

If Ninian spending and trade investments and working capital were included, ICI had spent well over £400m last year and this year spending would rise m more than £600m, Mr Wright said.

Last year the group sanctioned spending of £390m on fixed assets and this year sanctions were expected to total about £360m to cover capital projects for the next two or three years, more than half of them in Britain.

The return on assets last year at 15 per cent, Mr Wright said, was too low to sustain the level of the programme envisaged. He added that exports showed every sign of continuing to rise.

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Goldsmith switch puts Cavenham in Paris market

By Christopher Wilkins

Mr Jimmy Goldsmith's empire is to undergo a fundamental restructuring as a result of which the Paris-based Générale Occidentale, his master company will acquire a controlling interest in Cavenham, the giant foods group.

The other main effect of the deal is that Cavenham will acquire 100 per cent control of Générale Alimentaire, a leading French foods group in which it holds a 47½ per cent interest.

Cavenham had been blocked from acquiring complete control of Générale Alimentaire until now because of a French government ruling that control of such an important company should not be allowed to pass outside France.

The French government has now agreed to remove this obstacle, clearing the way for a complicated series of deals.

In the first place Générale Occidentale, which together with Anglo-Continental Investments its subsidiary, owns 39 per cent of Cavenham, is bidding for the outstanding shares in Générale Alimentaire.

Cavenham will then acquire these shares from Générale Occidentale in return for just over 20 million of its own shares, worth around £27m at last night's closing price of 129p.

Mr Roland Franklin, a director of Cavenham and deputy chairman of Anglo-Continental, said last night that it had been necessary to arrange the deal in this way to avoid problems of financing it either through the dollar premium or by means of overseas borrowings.

Usually, overseas acquisitions can only be undertaken through one or other of these channels, but Générale Occidentale has undertaken never to sell its Cavenham shares, which has enabled it to escape the normal requirements.

As a result of the issue of new Cavenham shares, Générale Occidentale will emerge with a 51 per cent overall holding in Cavenham. This will be partly held by Générale Occidentale itself (32 per cent) and partly by Anglo-Continental (19 per cent), of which Générale Occidentale holds 67 per cent.

Mr Goldsmith's private interests are believed to hold around 17 per cent of Générale Occidentale. Hambros Bank holds a further 11 per cent and Baron Alexis de Gunzburg 14.5 per cent.

Générale Alimentaire, which had a turnover last year of 585m francs (about £65m) and made a net profit of F14.1m in the year to March 31, 1975, produces a wide range of grocery products, chemicals, pharmaceuticals and animal food.

UK reserves gained last month from exchange market disruption

By Melvyn Westlake

Britain appears to have enjoyed an unexpected bonus from last month's disruption on the exchange markets when several continental currencies were facing severe speculative pressure.

On the evidence of changes in the country's international reserves, the Bank of England would seem to have used sterling's relative strength to purchase dollars and thereby boost the reserves.

Figures published by the Treasury yesterday show a rise of $239m (£118m) to $7,024m in the reserves during February. But this is not a true reflection of the underlying situation, because it is arrived at after the inclusion of $293m of foreign borrowings and $40m of repayments of past loans.

When these sums are excluded a fall of $14m is shown. By recent standards that is a strikingly small decline, particularly as there are usually a variety of official overseas transactions that tend to drain money out of the reserves.

Such official outflows would thus seem to have been offset by direct Bank of England purchases of dollars in the market.

How large such purchases could have been is difficult to estimate and the Bank of England never reveals this information. But sterling was left largely on the sidelines during the "mini-crisis" of late January and February, when there were big outflows of capital from several countries, notably France.

The Danish, Belgian and Italian currencies were also under severe pressure. Although most of the capital outflows went into West Germany and Switzerland, it seems possible that at least some of these funds may have come to London and into the national reserves at the Bank of England.

After weakening for a time in the middle of the month, sterling then strengthened quite sharply. The pound's "floating devaluation" against 10 key currencies, from the base date of June, 1972, improved to 30.2 per cent, having touched its worst-ever level of 30.6 per cent in mid-February.

Calm was only restored in the Continental currencies when M Giscard d'Estaing, the French President, and Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, decided to resist any change in the franc mark exchange rate within the European block of floating currencies.

In addition to the gratuitous inflows from the Continent, sterling is traditionally stronger in the first quarter of the year, partly because of the seasonal deployment of corporate and Commonwealth sterling funds.

These capital movements militate against the adverse influence of Britain's continuing overseas trade deficit.

Of the $293m of foreign loans that also boosted the total reserves figure in February, some $125m was provided to the British Steel Corporation and the National Coal Board by the European Coal and Steel Community.

A further $40m was lent by the European Investment Bank to British Gas, which also raised $60m in public-note issues. The rest of the loans were unidentified, but appear to have been made directly to public bodies without passing through the market.

On the foreign exchanges the lira fell sharply in light trading, while bankers in Rome described events in the market as puzzling and confused.

The Italian central bank appeared to have given no support to its currency. Consequently the dollar rose against the lira from 781 to 790. Since mid January the lira has fallen about 13 per cent on this basis.

A level of about 800 lire to the dollar is expected to be reached soon.

The Italian foreign exchange market was formally reopened only on Monday after being closed for more than five weeks. Before the markets were closed speculation cost the Italian central bank $520m in support operations in the early part of January.

UK RESERVES

The following are the figures for the United Kingdom's official reserves, issued by the Treasury yesterday:

End of period	$m	£m	Change in month $m
1971	6582	2526*	
1972	5646	2404	
1973	6478	2787	
1974	6789	2890	
1975	6789	3344	
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Feb	7064	2908	+231
March	7117	2962	+53
April	7132	3032	+15
May	6491	2802	−641
June	6198	2837	−293
July	6259	2909	+61
Aug	6004	2845	−255
Sept	5859	2667	−145
Oct	5713	2749	−146
Nov	5606	2775	−107
Dec	5429	2683	−177
1976			
Jan	6785	3344	+1356
Feb	7024	3488	+239

* Sterling figures from 1971 to May 1972 valued at the Smithsonian parity rate of $2.60571, and from 1972 at the closing rate on the last day of the period. Gold and SDRs valued at their dollar par at the time.

City to set up centre for public relations

By Our Financial Staff

Almost two years after Mr Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England, set up a small working party to see what needed to be done about the City's publicity and public relations, a decision has been taken to start a City Communications Organization.

At first it will be a low-key affair. An executive director and press officer have yet to be appointed, and there is still some uncertainty about where the new City Communications Centre will be.

No one is claiming that this is an attempt to provide a "spokesman for the City". Such an ambitious idea was considered and quickly rejected by the working party which was chaired by Sir Eric Faulkner, chairman of Lloyds Bank.

"The centre's role is one of coordination and not of direction", Sir Eric said.

"It's purpose will be twofold: it will provide a channel of communication between the various and diverse sections of the City. We hope it will also provide a useful service to the media in directing them to authoritative sources of information."

The centre will be directed by an executive committee with Sir Eric as chairman and Mr William Clarke, director-general of the Committee on Invisible Exports, as deputy chairman.

Mr Clarke has agreed to take on the initial organization of the centre. He envisages the possibility that his invisibles committee and the City Communications Organization can be housed in the same premises with some shared services.

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ait, March 2.—Kuwait's al Assembly today recom- d cancellation of a 15 barrel reduction on pur- of crude oil granted last her to Gulf Oil and Petroleum.

reduction was part of an nent under which the ti government took over inal 25 per cent of the st the two companies had Kuwait Oil Company.

ay's recommendation had arged by the assembly's e committee, whose man, Mr Abdallah al said reductions should n to small national com- buying Kuwaiti crude oil e them stand up to the npanies.

Nubari was speaking in embly debate on a Bill g the nationalization of No vote was taken and ate is due to resume on y.

Exploration in Celtic Sea to be stepped up

By Our Industrial Correspondent

Exploration for oil and gas in the Celtic Sea will receive a much-needed boost in the next few months.

Amoco (UK) Exploration announced yesterday that it planned to drill the first exploration well for a group made up of Mobil, the Gas Council and Amoco in the Celtic Sea in a few months.

Imperial Chemical Industries, which is involved in evaluation of a number of offshore prospects around the world in order to secure its raw material supplies, is also expected to drill in the Celtic Sea this year.

On the British side of the Celtic Sea a total of 44 blocks have been licensed for exploration but only one well has been drilled. That was in 1973, and the well was dry.

The search for gas and oil in the United Kingdom sector stopped early last year, partly because of the success in the North Sea and partly because of pressure on international companies to concentrate their resources on proven areas elsewhere in the world.

Amoco said yesterday it planned to drill a well on one of its three blocks using a semi-submersible rig (yet to be named) south-west of Milford Haven in water depths of just over 300ft.

In the Irish sector of the Celtic Sea a group involving ICI, Chevron and an Irish company plans to drill at least one well in one of three blocks licensed to the consortium by the Irish government last November.

It emerged yesterday at the annual ICI press conference that the group has also made a study of prospecting off the Falkland Islands.

ICI has an 18 per cent interest in the Ninian field in the North Sea, from which it will draw a significant proportion of its future needs for hydrocarbon feedstock.

Iran bank seeks $100m Euroloan

Only two weeks after completing a $50m (about £25m) loan, the Industrial Credit Bank of Iran is returning to the Eurocurrency markets for a further loan of $100m. The loan is expected to be for seven years and to carry a margin over interbank rates of 1¼ per cent.

This will be the same rate as Iran's Agricultural Development Bank obtained on a six-year loan in January.

Unilever last quarter record

By Our Financial Staff

Unilever, the food and detergents group, made record profits in the final quarter of 1975. Lower raw material costs and greater volume produced a profits recovery in edible oils, and the international trading division, UAC, continued to perform very strongly.

As a result pre-tax profits for the quarter rose by 55 per cent to 98.6m, and the year-end total was only 2 per cent down at £325.6m, even though profits in in the first half of last year were virtually halved.

There were, however, still some problem areas in the final quarter of 1975. Results from the group's meat product interests, and from chemicals, paper, plastics and packaging, were lower than in the corresponding period, reflecting poor trading conditions. The dairy products and meat businesses ended the year in the red, and the trawling operation had a bad year, largely because of weak selling prices in Germany.

The group also benefited from a big reduction in interest charges in the second half of the year, with the final quarter charge down from £10.2m to £3.7m, despite an increase in medium-term loan capital.

The reduction is attributed to the success of the group's attempts to bring its working capital requirements down, which resulted in a £3.9m credit as against the corresponding £3m debit on interest other than on loan capital.

The group also benefitted from exchange rate changes. On rates comparable with those for the preceding year, pre-tax profits overall would have have been 9 per cent down.

A reduction in the tax charge, together with tax adjustments relating to previous years, left final quarter profits at the attributable level double those of the corresponding period. For the year as a whole taxation adjustments were worth £6.2m.

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Hopes for Northern Developments survival

By Our Financial Staff

Northern Developments, the large Blackburn-based house-building company which collapsed last year, should survive as an independent entity, it emerged at a meeting of unsecured creditors in London yesterday.

Mr Rupert Nicholson, of Peat Marwick Mitchell, who was appointed one of the joint receivers last June, said yesterday the group stood a good chance, after a reconstruction, of emerging from its receivership as a profitable business.

The land bank would be reduced to a more manageable size, enabling ongoing interest charges to be covered by trading profits. The process could take another year but a reconstruction would take place before all the banks had been paid back.

In spite of these encouraging prognostications—it is fairly unusual for a group to revert to its former status after a receivership—Mr Nicholson was subject to some acrimonious criticism from Mr Derek Barnes, founder, chief shareholder and non-executive chairman of Northern, who has always contended that his company should never have gone into receivership.

Many of the 100 unsecured creditors, due a total of over £3m, who mainly represent local suppliers to Northern, were unhappy, too, about not being consulted.

There were a number of demands that Mr Nicholson disclose the fees charged for his services, which he declined to do. There are no immediate plans to make any payments to the unsecured creditors, it appears.

A surprise speaker was Mr Norman Cork, of Cork Gully, the insolvency specialists, who was acting for Tarmac, one of the unsecured creditors. He suggested that Northern might benefit from a Section 206 scheme, a favourite with Cork Gully, particularly in view of the outstanding petition for the winding-up of the group from one of the other creditors which comes before the court again next Monday.

In a gentlemanly exchange between the two receivers, Mr Nicholson suggested that the Committee of Inspection appointed at the meeting might care to consider the proposal.

It appears that Mr Nicholson is still undecided about pursuing the group's claim against finance house, United Dominions Trust, over the foreclosure and resale of group sites. Northern has claimed that the £4.3m disposal price contrasted with a real market value of more than £6m.

But the receivers have evidently found difficulty in producing enough evidence on this point to warrant a court action. They are, however, challenging UDT's claims regarding the completion of roadworks leading to the sites.

There was no further financial information on the group over and above January's statement of affairs, which indicated that there would be a deficiency of assets for creditors of around £1.7m if Northern's directors had not increased some land values by £3m in the balance sheet.

A consultancy agreement has now been worked out between the receiver and Mr Barnes under which the latter will handle some land sales on behalf of the group.

Birmingham Motor Show site backed

By Clifford Webb

An overwhelming vote has been recorded by the motor industry for the annual Motor Show to move from Earls Court, London—its home for the past 38 years—to Birmingham's £44m National Exhibition Centre.

Although the ballot was completed more than a week ago, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders has not yet formally announced the result. A spokesman for the society, the organizers of the Motor Show said last night: "The result of the ballot is only intended to guide the council of the society, who will ultimately make the decision."

The ballot posed three questions to members: Did they confirm the proposal to change to a biennial show after this year? Did they support a combined car and commercial vehicles show at Birmingham in 1973? Should the show stay at Earls Court?

The substantial majority in favour of the first two—reported to be four to one—leaves the SMMT little option now but to complete the long drawn-out negotiations they have conducted with Mr Robert Booth, chairman of the NEC.

The society's reluctance to commit itself to Birmingham is not surprising in view of its financial structure. Subscriptions from members account for less than half its income. The bulk comes from the very profitable Earls Court show. Now the society has to bridge the gap between a show-less 1977 and the still-to-be-tested profitability of Birmingham in 1978.

Leyland Cars said last night: "We think that the NEC is a fantastic centre.

r Healey explains his policies to America

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ealey, the Chancellor of chequer, today strongly recent American criti- f his policies.

lengthy article in the *reet Journal* he claims is now well on the way ging inflation down to gures by the end of this e saw "signs that gross : production has turned ier and is now rising".

editorial published next ealey's article, the *Wall Street Journal* suggests Mr Healey's statement shows that economic thinking in Britain remains confused, although at last there are some hopeful signs. It argues that public expenditure and taxation must be sharply reduced if Britain is to solve its economic difficulties.

The newspaper adds that while it is a good sign that Mr Healey now talks of encouraging investment, he still fails to recognize the dangers of high public spending.

The editorial notes: "Since he [Mr Healey] does not talk about government surpluses, we are left wondering where the funds for investment would come from. And we do not for a moment believe that a bureaucracy can outperform the market in deciding where to channel investment funds."

Mr Healey asserts that the British tax system and "left-of-centre" policies are not the cause of slow economic growth, as the *Wall Street Journal* has often maintained.

He says: "Seen through transatlantic spectacles the British Government might appear as a panel of wise guys, drawing on the public purse, replacing the normal market financing of industrial investment with governmental handouts, and making mistakes that the market would never have made. Nothing could be more wrong."

His Government's current policies were based on ensuring continuity of economic policy, which had been lacking in the past and had been a major reason for low business investment. Current policies were working, with the cooperation of the trade unions, who had held within the voluntary wage increase levels, he says.

Quest rig to be retired

r Vielvoye

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uest has never been operate in the really deep waters over 100 miles north of the Shetlands and it would have cost about £3.5m to make the modifications necessary to keep the rig fit for work further south.

The retirement will mark the end of an era in the North Sea oil search. At one time Sea Quest and the Shell-owned rig Staflow were the mainstays of the drilling force.

Forties was Sea Quest's most famous oil discovery, but it has worked on most of BP's other discoveries in the North Sea. Her crew will be transferred to a rig now under construction in Finland.

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censing provisions of umer Credit Act and ble effects on account- to be discussed by the the Institute of Char- countants in England s today.

t introduced licensing involved in consumer cluding intermediaries er accountants when, le, acting as advisers matters to clients.

Individuals can be licensed and it is possible for groups to be licensed. It is highly probable that the council will consider taking out a licence to cover all the Institute's members.

However, a disadvantage of the group licence is that it does not cover canvassing off trade premises so that business transacted verbally at say, a golf club, would fall outside the terms of the licence.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 165.94 +0.91
The FT index: 407.1 +4.3

Rises

Allen H & Ross	10p to 480p	Nathan B & I	4p to 53p
BSR	7p to 122p	Paterson Zoch	20p to 420p
Com Union	2p to 133p	Royal	10p to 326p
EMI	6p to 261p	Schroders	10p to 370p
Gill & Duffus	6p to 147p	Tube Invest	8p to 344p
GKN	10p to 326p	Unicorn Ind	7p to 75p
Hawker Sidd	6p to 422p	Unilever	12p to 454p

Falls

Anglo Am Corp	12p to 256p	Marievale Cons	10p to 115p
De Beers 'Dfd'	15p to 203p	Sentrust	13p to 142p
Finsider	2p to 24p	Standard Chart	161p to 380p
Fortnm & M'son	20p to 410p	Steep Rock	16p to 157p
Grootvlei	8p to 80p	Tranwood	3p to 10½p
Hoechst	15p to 470p	Vereenging Ref	10p to 180p
Jacks W	1p to 11p	Welkom	15p to 290p

Equities were firmer in line with Wall Street.

Gilt-edged securities stayed nervous on interest rate fears.

Sterling was unchanged at $2.0240. The "effective devaluation" rate was 30.1 per cent.

Gold lost 75 cents an ounce to $131.50.

SDR-$ was 1.16509 on Tuesday, while SDR-£ was 0.575580.

Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1235.9 (previous 1236.3).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.67	1.61
Austria Sch	38.50	36.50
Belgium Fr	33.50	30.50
Canada $	2.04	1.99
Denmark Kr	12.85	12.45
Finland Mkk	7.95	7.70
France Fr	9.30	9.00
Germany Dm	5.35	5.15
Greece Dr	78.00	73.00
Hongkong $	10.30	9.90
Italy Lr	1730.00	1665.00
Japan Yn	635.00	610.00
Netherlands Gld	5.60	5.40
Norway Kr	11.55	11.20
Portugal Esc	63.00	54.00
S Africa Rd	2.25	2.05
Spain Pes	136.50	131.00
Sweden Kr	9.15	8.85
Switzerland Fr	5.35	5.15
US $	2.07	2.02
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.50	37.50

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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CRESCENT JAPAN INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED
Summary of the report of the directors for the year ended 31st December 1975

The Japanese Economy

The depth and intractability of the domestic recession is likely to result in real growth in Japan's Gross National Product in the current fiscal year of only 2.5%, or about half the growth rate expected a year ago. The Japanese government will probably adopt a much more aggressive attitude towards industrial reflation in 1976, particularly as a general election will take place this year. Already the first signs of a really major effort to revive demand in the economy can be discerned. It is hoped that the slack in the economy will prevent a return to the inflationary conditions witnessed in 1974.

The recent reliance on deficit budgets will tend to raise the taxation requirements of the state, and will contribute towards an average rate of growth in the economy rather lower than that which was recorded prior to the latest recession. It is anticipated, however, that Japan, with her highly adaptable business community and unique labour relations, will continue to outpace the economies of most other industrialised countries.

The Japanese Stockmarket

The Tokyo Stock Exchange New Index rose by 16.2% during 1975. The net asset value per share of Crescent Japan Investment Trust rose during the same period by 62.3% (59.4% after allowing for outstanding warrants). This exceptional rise is partly accounted for by the effect on the valuation of the dollar premium.

A reassuring trend in 1975 was for the shares of high quality growth companies to receive increasing attention from domestic investors.

The Japanese stockmarket underperformed New York, London and Frankfurt in 1975; it is less likely to do so in 1976, as the improvement in the economy becomes apparent. Moreover, the influence of the foreign investor is likely to increase as Japan acquires a higher priority in the dispositions of international fund managers. It is intended to remain fully invested for the meantime, in order to take advantage of what should be a good year for the Japanese stockmarket. The policy of the directors will be to continue to invest in blue chip issues and to place emphasis on companies related to the government expenditure, private consumption and financial sectors.

Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Managers and Secretaries, EDINBURGH FUND MANAGERS LIMITED, 4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 7JB, where the Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 24th March 1976 at 12.00 noon

Promise of secrecy over sites for oil refineries

By Roger Vielvoye

Oil companies will be allowed to keep government authorizations for new refinery projects and extensions to existing units a secret until they are ready to seek planning permission for their projects.

Under new regulations covering refinery building, companies need a certificate from the Department of Energy to state that the project is necessary as part of overall national strategy for ensuring there is sufficient processing capacity.

But Mr John Smith, the Minister of State for Energy and the man responsible for refining policy, has said these authorizations will be kept secret to preserve "commercial confidentiality" between the companies and the Department of Energy.

The Department of Energy acquired its new powers over refinery building in the Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Act, 1975. Previously no permission was needed from the department to make an application for a new refinery site.

If the department concedes that a new refinery is necessary in the light of national requirements, the authorization is granted. The oil company can then keep this document secret for a year before bringing the plan into the open by making an official planning application.

Under these new regulations, the Secretary of State for Energy has wide powers to specify the type, capacity and general location of the refinery. He cannot, however, tie the authorization to a specific area. Approving the site on planning grounds remains the responsibility of the Department of the Environment.

Although the department will have stated that a refinery in a general location is in the national interest, the public will still be able to contest this point at a public inquiry.

However, with the weight of a government authorization already behind the oil company, it will obviously be difficult for protestors to argue that the project is not in the national interest.

There is no published government strategy for refining developments. The Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Act does not make any provision for this government/company "confidentiality"; it is a policy which has emerged from consultations between ministers and civil servants.

There is a precedent for maintaining this type of confidentiality in the methods used for granting industrial development certificates, the Department of Energy says. Refineries, however, are much larger and more likely to be disputed than the average factory development.

These government powers over refining apply to projects presented after December 7, 1974.

Department of Trade survey points to big rise in exports

By Edward Townsend

Britain's major exporters are expecting the volume of goods sold abroad to increase by 10 per cent in the third quarter of this year compared with 1975, a figure which yesterday prompted Mr Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, to issue a rallying call to industry.

Results of his department's latest survey indicated that the growth of exports in the next few months should be appreciably higher than seemed probable last autumn, he said. "I say this not to generate euphoria but to underline the fact that an export-led recovery is within our grasp".

Addressing the British Overseas Trade Advisory Council, the body set up last year to liaise between the British Overseas Trade Board and industry and commerce, Mr Shore said the nation must give exports an urgency and a priority that they had not enjoyed for a long time.

He would be surprised if final 1975 figures did not show a significant recovery in the country's share of world trade for the first time since 1971, a result won against intense competition.

It was now clear that the tide of world trade turned in about mid-1975 and would proceed at a quickening pace throughout 1976. Although the volume of imports by nations in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries would continue to increase strongly, the greatest market change in the world recovery would be in the industrialized countries of North America, continental Europe and Japan.

"It is to these areas that we must now look to for the biggest export gains", Mr Shore added. The world trade outlook confirmed the need to strengthen the United Kingdom's marketing effort in Europe and he was confident that consumers around the world would gradually begin to spend more.

As important as the winning of export orders was the need to take the back-up decisions at home to make as sure as possible that orders won would be honoured on time. "Orders taken and not delivered lose markets and prejudice our own economic recovery."

The Department of Trade survey of 64 top United Kingdom exporting companies accounting for one-third of the total value of exports, indicates that the value should rise by 20 per cent in the first half of this year compared with a year earlier.

1,000 jobs at BSR for new record player

BSR, the Birmingham-based company best known for its record players, yesterday launched a new electronically controlled system, said to be at least two years ahead of its competitors, and announced that to produce it, an additional 1,000 workers would be needed by the end of the year.

The new jobs will be at BSR's recently-built £1.4m factory at Warley, near Birmingham.

The product, called Accutrac, will be assembled at the rate of 5,000 a week by September and BSR, which already exports more than 80 per cent of its sound reproduction units, is aiming specifically for the American and Japanese markets.

Accutrac, to be marketed under the name of the Audio Dynamics Corporation, an American manufacturer of magnatic cartridges and loudspeakers which BSR took over in 1973, is described as the most advanced turntable in existence.

Using a system of electronic micro circuits, Accutrac enables the tracks on a long-playing record to be pre-selected in any order, and the turntable can be remote-controlled.

The cost of the record player in the United Kingdom, without an amplifier and speakers, will be just under £300. Cheaper versions are planned.

Mr J. N. Ferguson, BSR's chairman, said that the new unit had been developed at a cost of about £750,000 and would be aimed initially at the top end of the hi-fi market.

Despite the world recession and the fall in disposable incomes, BSR's sales of record players had increased significantly last year, he said.

Transport plan would suit cities

Magnatically suspended vehicles, automatically controlled and running on special tracks, would be able to meet all the requirements of public transport in towns and cities, according to Professor B. V. Jayawant of Sussex University.

In a lecture at the Institution of Electrical Engineers in London last night, Professor Jayawant said these requirements included frequent service, independent of labour costs; high operating frequency, meaning high reliability; small and cheap stations; small vehicles; low noise; low pollution and ease of servicing and maintenance.

Critics had suggested that all magnetic-suspension systems were heavy consumers of energy and were of use only in high-speed transport.

But systems being developed at Sussex University using controlled direct-current electromagnets, had a relatively low energy consumption and were suitable for vehicle speeds of about 30 m.p.h.

CBI chief wants pay policy below 5 pc inflation target

Pay rises in the next phase of the incomes policy must be significantly lower than the present £6 a week, and the "flat rate" principle should go, Sir Ralph Bateman, president of the Confederation of British Industry, said yesterday.

"In money terms we cannot think in figures anything like as high as £6", he said at an Industrial Society luncheon in London.

Sir Ralph said the target rate for inflation in the next year would have to be about 5 per cent if Britain was to remain competitive. The pay limit should be a maximum percentage increase consistent with reaching this target.

Subject to this limit, employers and unions should be wholly free to negotiate agreements appropriate to their own circumstances. "If they wish to negotiate a flat rate then they can do so.

"The only limitation is that the overall settlement for each bargaining unit should not exceed the agreed national pay percentage."

Sir Ralph said also that the £8,500 wage ceiling on pay rises would have to go. "It is grossly unfair to middle and senior management who have seen their living standards cut savagely in recent years."

Fewer but larger supermarkets

A 4 per cent drop in the number of food supermarkets in Britain between 1974 and 1975 was recorded yesterday by the Institute of Grocery Distribution. The institute said in its first annual survey of retail grocery structure, covering more than 90 per cent of supermarket trade, that while the total number of food shops fell, the total selling space rose. That reflected the weeding out of small units as more large supermarkets and superstores were opened.

Dr John Beaumont, director of research at the institute, said: "Thus the average size of store continues to grow".

Ruling for French Shell in dispute over buying price

Paris, March 2.—A Paris court has rejected an appeal by Electricité de France (EDF) which had decided unilaterally to cut the buying price of fuel supplied by French refineries, and prompted the French Shell unit to suspend deliveries.

The court called on EDF to pay for the fuel at the previous rate and ordered Shell to resume deliveries to the state-run utility.

A spokesman for Shell, a member of the Royal Dutch-Shell group, said deliveries to EDF, amounting to about 1.8 million tons annually, were resumed during the weekend.

The pricing dispute between EDF and all French refiners dates back to 1974, when EDF refused to amend previous contracts sought by the oil companies following the four-fold increase in prices of crude oil.

Although the original dispute is still before the French courts, EDF decided in January to apply even lower buying rates.

State industry study on overseas contract outlook

By Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent

Prospects for nationalized industries and their suppliers to secure valuable export contracts are to be examined over the next few months.

Under the direction of Sir Raymond Brown, who was the first head of defence sales at the Ministry of Defence from 1966 to 1969, a small working party supported by the chairmen of the nationalized organizations, is to look at the scope for applying techniques used by the defence sales agency to state industry exports.

The investigation, announced yesterday by the National Economic Development Office, follows the presentation of a paper on the subject at the December meeting of the National Economic Development Council by Sir Richard Marsh, chairman of British Rail.

British Rail has already taken steps to gear itself to meeting the demand for consultancy services and project management contracts around the world and the hope is that similar consortia can be formed by other nationalized sectors. The British Steel Corporation already has a consultancy service company which competes for technical and project management contracts overseas.

The recent Government White Paper on public expenditure made clear cuts in investment by nationalized concerns in the next four years. Reductions in domestic sales intensify the need for the suppliers to nationalized industries to plan ahead and build up export markets.

The NEDO said yesterday that realization of the full potential for expansion of export trade along these lines would only be possible with the full cooperation of the industries and their suppliers. Sir Raymond and his team will be looking specifically at the scope for aligning domestic requirements to overseas specifications.

New Zealand to curb imports

Wellington, March 2.—Mr Robert Muldoon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, faced with a growing trade deficit and other economic difficulties, tonight announced a sweeping package of regulations designed to cut the country's imports and increase government control over credit.

In an effort to curb imports, Mr Muldoon has abolished hire purchase on new cars—a move expected to hit heavily at the sale of larger, more expensive models from Britain and Australia.

Hire purchase regulations on colour television sets were toughened by Mr Muldoon, who is also Minister of Finance.

The Prime Minister, whose National Party assumed office after winning last November's general election, said his package would boost New Zealand's ailing housing industry. He added that the Government intended to operate a policy of flexible interest rates.—Reuter.

Swiss bank creditors agree on compensation

The creditors of Banque de Credit Internationale, of Geneva, which collapsed last year, approved the compensation proposal made at a creditors meeting in Geneva yesterday.

Small creditors will be compensated in full up to the amount of 5,000 Swiss francs, while large creditors will receive only 17 per cent of their demands against the bank. Geneva authorities are expected to approve the plan soon.

IMF seek higher financial quotas

Washington, March 2.—The 128-nation International Monetary Fund today asked member governments to vote by March 22 on proposed increases in the IMF's regular financing resources to about $45,600m (about £22,000m).

Member country quotas are now about $34,200m, The United States quota, the largest for any country, would be increased to about $9,830m.

The regular "country quotas" determine each nation's subscription, as well as limiting their borrowings, from the IMF. In addition, voting power is determined by the size of each country's quota.—AP-Dow Jones.

More changes sought for Dock Work Bill

London Wharfingers' Association, which represents the private stevedoring employers in the Port of London, said yesterday that it is not opposed to the Dock Work Regulation Bill now going through Parliament.

However, it sees the Bill as poorly drawn up, and likely to cause more problems than it will eliminate. Consequently the association is seeking several amendments.

EEC-Comecon link

Brussels, March 2.—The nine governments of the European Community today approved a letter to Comecon, the economic organization of the Soviet Union and its allies, promising to study its proposal for closer contacts.

More take holidays abroad and fewer go to UK resorts

By Patricia Tisdall

Half a million fewer Britons took holidays in the United Kingdom last year compared with 1974, and their spending was up by only 15 per cent—less than the rate of inflation—according to a survey issued by the British Tourist Authority yesterday. But holidays abroad went up from seven to eight million.

Hoteliers and tourist organizations say early bookings at British resorts indicate little if any increase in this summer's volume of trade. A spokesman for Golden Rail, the British Railways' inclusive holiday division, said advance bookings for 1976 reflected the depressed economic conditions.

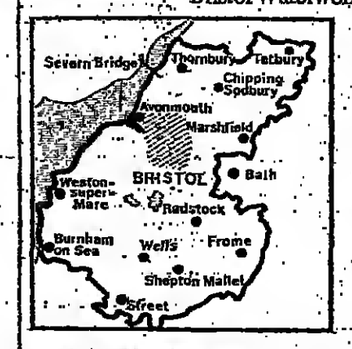
Mr Christopher Jennings, director of the Thames & Chilterns Tourist Board, said some high-priced hoteliers were having difficulty in attracting Britons, but that overseas bookings, particularly from Europe, were improving.

The BTA survey shows that of the 48 million holidays of four nights or more away from home taken by Britons last year, 40 million were spent in Britain compared with 40.5 million a year earlier. Holidays taken abroad (including Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic) went up from just under seven million to eight million in the same period.

Expenditure by British people on British holidays totalled £1,270m last year, compared with £1,100m spent in 1974. Expenditure on holidays abroad was £1,080m.

The most popular area for the 80 per cent of holidays in Britain was the West Country, which accounted for 23 per cent of all destinations. Next was the South-east at 15 per cent, Wales, 14 per cent and Scotland, 12 per cent.

Bristol Waterworks Company Report



FINANCIAL RESERVES RESTORED DESPITE RISING COSTS

Striking success in the restoration of the Company's reserves is commented upon in the statement circulated by the Chairman of Bristol Waterworks Company, Mr. J. H. Britton, C.B.E., with the Report and Accounts to be presented at the 130th annual general meeting of shareholders on Monday, 29th March, 1976.

* A year ago, deficits on the 1973 and 1974 Accounts had reduced the carry forward to £90,000. *"I stated the Board's determination to put this right,"* says the Chairman, *"and it is highly satisfactory to report that the great effort of the Company's management has strikingly succeeded."*

* The Accounts disclose a surplus for the year of £584,000 which, added to the £90,000 brought forward, gives a total surplus at the end of 1975 of £674,000 – *"a much sounder state of affairs."*

* In 1975 gross revenue was up by £2,506,000 (35%) to £9,620,000.

* Working expenses up by £1,464,000 (37%) to £5,473,000.

Costs 24% up

* Total costs up by £1,723,000 (24%) to £9,036,000.

* Average daily consumption of water – 70 million gallons – was almost the same as in 1974, the increase in domestic use being matched by a reduction in the quantity taken by industry and commerce. The peak consumption of 84 million gallons on June 11 was 2½ million gallons higher than the previous year's record figure and was mainly caused by the use of hosepipes for gardens.

* The period from April to December 1975 was the driest nine months since 1933, rainfall being only 68% of the standard average, and the four months October 1975 to January 1976 were the driest for this period since 1904/5.

* *"Unless there is average rainfall during the early spring we are likely to be faced with supply problems later in the year."*

Capital Expenditure

* Expenditure on fixed assets in 1975 amounted to £2,206,000. The most important project started was the forward-looking Maesbury scheme which will transfer water across the Mendips in order to meet the growing demand in north-west Somerset and which will eventually cost about £1,000,000. Further work was undertaken (and is still in progress) laying trunk mains to extend the distribution of Severn water into a wider area.

* Referring to his impending retirement as Chairman and Director, Mr. Britton comments, *"After some years of exceptional difficulty I am able to leave to my successor (Mr. A. N. Irens) a sound and greatly strengthened business".*

* On the country's general economy he says, *"Some gleams of light are appearing which give hope that in the next few years there will be some brightening of the prevailing gloom. Not long ago we could regard ourselves as a united, determined, industrious and resilient people. We shall only recover our sadly tarnished pride and prestige and prosperity when these qualities can be seen to be emerging once again."*

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Which way should the oil line run?

From Mr J. P. Grant

Sir, Mr Hugh Stephenson is quite correct when he says (March 1) that the line drawn at 55° 50' N. by the Continental Shelf (Jurisdiction) Order 1968 would be unacceptable in legal terms as the North Sea boundary of the shelf between an independent Scotland and England.

Mr Stephenson is correct also when he says that the question of delimitation would be "a lawyers' paradise". What is debatable is the contention that the boundary line would "run more nearly north east" and that "the line would normally be expected to be one at right angles to the line of the coast at the point where the land boundary ends".

This equidistance principle is enshrined in the Geneva Convention on the Continental Shelf of 1958. The government of an independent Scotland would not be bound automatically by that Convention. Under customary rules of international law every coastal state is entitled to the resources of the seabed proximate to its territory.

This was affirmed by the International Court of Justice in 1969 in the *North Sea Continental Shelf Case* which also laid down the factors to be taken into account in delimiting the shelf between opposite or adjacent states.

These factors emphasize that delimitation must be effected on an equitable basis; to that end account should be made of the equidistance principle (normally the most equitable way of delimiting), of the geology of the area, of the configuration of the coastline, of the unity of mineral deposits in the area being delimited and of the proportionality between the length of coastline and the area of shelf of each state.

These factors permit of great flexibility in any delimitation negotiations and would, I think, be more favourable to an independent Scotland than the conventional rules for delimitation. I personally doubt whether the boundary line would run in a north easterly direction; such a line would place the Montrose field in the English sector, and put the Forties field in jeopardy. One thing is abundantly clear: using either the customary or conventional tests for delimitation, the Josephine, Auk and Argyll fields fall within the English sector.

Yours faithfully,
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March 1.

No benefits from hotel aid scheme

From Mr S. Stewart

Sir, Mr Fraser (Febr cannot have it both w question is not whet companies were eble advantage" of the velopment scheme hotels which are "dem of the right type an right places", but w Government subsidy quired to enable suc modation to be provid not, whether more su would have been bui scheme had not genera plus of accommodatio don and other tourist

Figures published by lish Tourist Board s the supply of hotel ac tion was increasing before the scheme b there is evidence to most of the hotels wi built with the aid of sidy would have been any event. There m have been a surplus effect no building profitability would b less catastrophic. The rived no benefit t operation nor, in the the industry.

Yours sincerely,
SHAUN STEWART,
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Willards Hill,
Etchingham,
E. Sussex.
February 28.

No effort made to curb PO increases

From Sir Derek Greenaway

Sir, As a major city and financial printer and also a member of the Mail Users' Association, we feel that as a large business user of the Post Office services we must record a strong protest to the proposed further increases in the postal tariffs, the fourth major increase in under 24 months.

Our company is involved in the printing and posting of a very large number of company report and accounts, financial and legal documents.

Greenaways' own postal charges amount to approximately £8,000 per annum, but in addition we will be spending approximately £450,000 this year on behalf of our customers.

We are constantly informed of the Government policy to counter inflation, but how can industry contain costs when essential services continue to apply such swingeing increases?

What is the use of the Government appointing a committee to inquire into postal affairs if it permits a further increase whilst the committee is commencing its ations?

There appears to b on effort to control further increases mus tained until the findi committee have be lished, when it is further increases w necessary as a result mendations for economies and reorg

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February 27.

Natural gas harming viability of other energy industries

From Mr J. H. Goodland

Sir, On February 5 you published a letter of mine "Pricing policy for hydro carbons". The chairman of both the Central Electricity Generating Board and the National Coal Board seem to have accepted the principle of a depletion tax on fossil fuels at their well-publicized meeting on February 21. And now the chairman of the British Gas Corporation, quite understandably, denounces it with all the scorn at his command.

There seems to be little doubt that natural gas is damaging the viability of our three other energy industries, and inhibiting the development of both nuclear and renewable sources, so that when gas inevitably runs out there will be a yawning gap in our energy supply.

If natural gas, according to all—these frequent and expensive BGC half-page advertisements, is so convenient, too good to waste, in such short supply, with so much sold to industry at knock-down prices, then what is the real argument against a conservation tax on natural gas, the most precious and short-lived of all our natural resources?

Yours sincerely,
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February 26.

Scapegoats of Society

From Miss J. Sargent

Sir, I have followed terest the correspoo graduate unemploym quent on my letter 18), but am disappo no one has seen fit to wider implications f racy of having large of people out of long periods of time.

Have we forgotten ciples of Keyo Beveridge—"full e io a free society"? will the unemployed unrepresented by a union, tolerate being scapegoats of our soci

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Bath.

Balancing London's employm

From Mr Illtyd Harrington, deputy leader of the GLC

Sir, Mr Geoffrey Finsberg, in his letter (February 25) was apparently referring to modifications which have been proposed by the Secretary of State for the Environment to the Greater London Development Plan submitted when the GLC was controlled by Mr Finsberg's Conservative colleagues. The modifications would add to the plan references to measures for dealing with underemployment such as rehabilitating industrial areas, granting financial aid to firms to assist them to employ more people, and purchasing or preparing sites for the establishment of work places. These are in line with proposals which we ourselves made in 1973 and we are happy to see them included in the plan.

It is ironic that when we sought additional powers in 1973 in respect of granting financial aid to firms they were disallowed by Parliament. Presumably we shall have Mr Finsberg's support when the time seems right to try again. I hope we shall also have his support in our efforts to get for London the resources that are needed to implement the policies to which he refers.

I do not feel that his letter is fair in censuring our Conservative predecessors for ignoring the employment needs of the public services in the GLDP. The problem was not as acute at that time as it subsequently became. I know that they were as concerned as we were about the manpower shortages in these services which came to a peak in 1973 and led to Mr Heath's agreeing to set up with us the study to which Mr Finsberg refers.

By 1973 we had the paradox of shortages of manpower in the public services coexisting with high unemployment in some places, even then—particularly in the older industrial areas and particularly among unskilled workers. The very rapid changes that have been taking place in London's population and employment since 1961 inevitably cause this kind of imbalance.

While the recession since has resulted in a very considerable improvement in the manning of the public services, we accept that the problem could return when the economy picks up again and that steps to cope with it will need to be considered in conjunction with the Manpower Services Commission. But it should not be assumed that it is a question of competition between employment in manufacturing and in the public services. It is more likely to be a matter of how to achieve a better balance of employment with the service sector generally, while at the same time providing employment in manufacturing for those in the old industrial areas who cannot readily adapt to the skill and other requirements of the public services, where in any case shortages may well be at long distances from their homes.

We agree with Mr Colin Davis on the importance which he attaches in his letter (February 25) to the needs of the small firm—what we have ourselves referred to as the "seed-bed" type of ing from which m nrise has traditiona and developed. The built unit workshop to provide accommo such firms and ow access to other types modation that could able for them. I w any industrial enterp or small and no m small, with worri premises in London touch with our centre (telephone 01 They are there to such problems.

Both Mr Davis a naios in his letter 17) are right to dra to the significance of rates and birth rate trial firms in Lo agree that closures deaths) of firms have been respon more of the loss of has the planned mo firms to the new a ing towns and we suggested otherwise. loss of half a million jobs since 1961 we course, look at all that contribute. We is vital that the G should come to see extent of the natio trial deaths in Lond ing in on small me national policies, m sent a loss of produc ity for the nation an run counter to its p national industrial re

Yours faithfully,
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Goode Durrant & Murray Group Limited

Extracts from Mr Lionel Robinson's statement

As against the first half's £303,000 the second half recovered to £683,000 to produce a pre-tax profit for the year of £886,000. The board recommends an unchanged dividend of 15.75%.

The profit was made after provisions totalling £1,109,000 against instalment credit and banking loans. We believe future profit growth will not again be held back by write-offs of this order.

The improvement in the second half showed the virtue of our geographical and commercial diversity.

Overseas profits were up again even though their value in £ sterling to the parent was adversely affected by devaluations in New Zealand and South Africa. Kirkcaldie & Stains after eight years of rising profits produced a near record £448,000. Our Southern African profits exceeded £450,000 for the first time. Our UK activities traded lower despite high earnings by the engineering and confirming divisions – whose combined turnover (which mostly consists of export earnings) totalled £16.9m. Hawkings, who are in the process of streamlining their organisation, eliminated their first half loss and produced a profit of £42,000 before tax.

The measure of our success in strengthening our financial base during the last two frustrating years of international economic confusion may be seen in the reduction in borrowings, less cash held, from £33.3m in 1974 to £24.6m in 1975 so that our ratio of borrowing to shareholders' funds has come down from 2.3:1 at October 1974 to 1.7:1 at October 1975.

We plan to strengthen our liquidity even further. Our loans in the property field have come down from a peak of £12.8m in 1974 and at October 1975 stood at £9.4m. We believe, however, that the capabilities we have created in property finance will be of great value in due course when we again become lenders in this currently unfashionable market.

We expect to do better this year

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Unilever gathers momentum

Unilever's 1975 results thanks to a record fourth r performance, very much with most expectations, t prevent the shares from 12p to 454p on their ocement. Justification for ice rise lies in the balance implications of a reduc- n fourth-quarter interest e from £10.2m to £3.7m, masks a swing from a of £3m to a credit of in the short-term borrow- arges.

lough, of course, Unilever eady gained on lower raw al costs and higher e in its edible oils, gh the performance of ents has been steady and f UAC has been strong— in increase in minorities £12.5m to £20m, suggest- at operating profits here well be double the £43m 74—elsewhere the group as recovery to come. In ular the chemicals busi- s still in the doldrums, aper and packaging looks ly to recover until the l half of this year.

the very strong first half mance for which the is now set—which will ure with a period last year margins were sliding the pressure of reduced e and high costs—is not to be the end of the

problem is, though, that ares are looking for that ly, with the 3.4 per cent they are yielding pro- very little to go for. te apart from the fact that eculation on a rights issue se the yield hardly ties in the Unilever image, the vement in the balance which the final quarter betrays suggests that it on trading grounds be superfluous—unless com- y prices take off with a which presently seems ely.

failing the relaxation of nd control in release the ends declared under the ization agreement (pres- 14.6p per share gross), the ds will have to ride on existing merits: and on grounds they are unlikely it up much of a turn of

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(£333.2m)
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he European Community plit its projected $1,000m ing, designed for on- g to Italy, between fixed oating rate loans will not r be determined until the il of Ministers meets on 15. But, under pressure the Germans, it now seems nly certain that the fixed element will amount to the st Eurobond issue ever. in the market has it the could be as large as n, which would be a re- able 2½ times as big as any before. But this is still lation.

quality of the Com- y's name is not in doubt, ver, and the borrowing established last year to mean absolutely top guarantee arrangements. rules provide that each er state should provide a l guarantee up to a maxi- level—44 per cent each case of Germany, France Britain, for example—the l maximum adding up to r cent of the value of a The idea is that should more members run into ties of its own or even ut of the Community, a ough margin will have built in to leave the

Mr Rowland Wright, chairman of ICI: need to improve profitability.

borrowings fully guaranteed.

As far as investors are concerned, the practical effect is that the more doubtful quality guarantors like Britain, Denmark and Ireland can be underpioned by the stronger ones.

Reardon Smith

Disposals bolster profits

As the bulk of its fleet currently operates on short-term charters, the profits of Cardiff shipping group Reardon Smith Line fell in line with freight rates last year. Trading profits after interest and depreciation slumped from £5.48m to £595,000.

But a £4.1m ship trading profit helped ease the impact of the fall at the pre-tax level, where profits of £4.65m are 25 per cent down on 1974-75's total.

By keeping its bulk carrier fleet on short-term charter work Reardon should be able to take advantage of any eventual improvement in freight rates. But with major stakes in two oil drilling rigs now under construction, with two medium-sized oil tankers to be chartered into the fleet before the current year-end, and without a number of long-term charters to underpin earnings, Reardon is uniquely dependent among the British shipping groups on an early recovery in world trade and freight rates.

Although it operates one of the most modern bulk carrier fleets, the group reports that throughout its 1975-76 financial year only the most economical vessels could operate at better than a lay-up position. And from April this year Reardon loses its most profitable charter when the "Polysaga" contract, which is estimated to have been earning the group upwards of £2m profit a year, runs out.

On the oil drilling rig side the group has arranged a three-year bare-boat charter to BP for the Celtic rig, 53 per cent owned by Reardon. But as rig rates have been as depressed as freight rates, hopes for major returns on the drilling interests rests with the two Atlantic drilling rigs, one of which is now nearing completion, while the other is due to be completed by the end of the year.

Reardon has been able to increase its stake in the Atlantic rigs to 50 per cent after four of the overseas shareholders sold out.

The market has long been discounting a major profits reversal, and, if anything, the figures proved to be rather better than expected. The shares have also been supported by the decision to maintain dividends at 4.22p gross per share, giving a dividend yield of 5.6 per cent on the "A" shares, at 75p, and 1.4 per cent on the ordinary shares, at 300p.

The shares present a double speculation. The price, particularly of the ordinary voting shares, reflects hopes of an eventual bid based on Sociedad Internacional De Bienes Raices SA's shareholding, which now stands at 20.16 per cent of the ordinary shares, and just over 15 per cent of the "A" shares. But any bid would require the support of the Reardon Smith family, which still controls over 60 per cent of the votes. At the same time the shares could be an interesting gamble on trading recovery grounds. But for either bid optimists or those who foresee a sharp upturn in freight rates the "A" shares offer a more realistically priced way into the group.

Final: 1975-76 (1974-75)
Capitalization £15.32m
Pre-tax profits £4.65m (£6.17m)
Earnings per share 27.3p (29.0p)
Dividend gross 4.22p (4.22p)

ICI

The cash flow deficit

ICI's balance sheet did not emerge quite so unscathed from the ravages of 1975 as the maintenance of liquid resources at around £200m net might suggest. These would have been run down to meet a substantial deficit of operating cash flow over fixed and working capital but for loan stock issues totalling nearly £100m last year.

Not that £200m is regarded as a magic figure at which to maintain liquidity. It was expedient for ICI to get a foot in the door of United States capital markets in 1975 and to take advantage of the post-referendum bonhomie from EEC banks towards United Kingdom blue chip borrowers.

Fair enough, given that ICI's ratio of debt to capital employed is still around 30 per cent, but this is to be seen against a fall in the group-wide return on capital employed to under 15 per cent, pre-interest, last year.

Yet this year capital spending is expected to reach some £400m, against £332m last year, and this does not include some £80m towards Ninian, which looks like being funded off balance sheet. The additional requirement for working capital last year was £116m and this year could well be considerably larger given the incipient upturn in the chemical cycle. Where that will leave the requirement of funds from other sources—£112m last year after dividend payments—depends obviously on the operating cash flow, which is problematical.

Much depends on how well ICI can come to grips with problem areas such as fibres where low productivity and overcapacity swung the division from a £29m trading profit to a £31m loss last year and plastics, where profits slumped from £70m to £4m, as well as petrochemicals where the fall was from £73m to £49m.

In 1976, then, ICI's emphasis has to be on improving profitability partly through cost cutting as the margins seen in the heady days of 1974 are unlikely to return in a hurry. With some further £360m of capital spending to be sanctioned this year for 1977 and 1978 this exercise is all the more necessary. The bulk of this spending will be in the United Kingdom and with interest rates here at current levels, ICI is unlikely to leave any other funding options untried.

Accounts: 1975 (1974)
Capitalization £1,877m
Net assets £1,472m (£1,316)
Borrowings £614m (£470m)
Pre-tax profit £327m (£455m)
Earnings per share 39.7p (51.2p)

The Crown Agents affair: question marks over the part played by Whitehall

Some time before the Easter recess the Ministry of Overseas Development will tell MPs of its proposed new statutory structure for the technically insolvent Crown Agents for Overseas Governments and Administrations. It is now more than eight years since this unincorporated organization, formed in 1833, began a disastrous programme of investments.

The roll of honour includes associations with the following: the Triumph Investment Trust, London and County Securities, First National Finance Corporation, the Stern property empire, English and Continental, Cedar Holdings, Israel-British Bank, Cannon Street Securities, Vehicle and General, Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, Moorgate and Mercantile, Metal Traders, Nation Life, Capital and Counties, Gramco Management, the Lyon Group, Mineral Securities and Mr John Stonehouse's interests.

To this day no one is quite sure of the exact cost. Present provisions against liabilities and losses total £134m, but estimates of the huge extra commitments for overseas property speculation are still being worked out.

Mr John Cuckney, the able accountant now heading the Crown Agents and being backed by the Government with a massive taxpayer grant plus Bank of England guarantees, has already done a remarkable job of sorting out the whole mess. He cannot, however, explain fully what happened before his arrival.

That task has been left to a small committee of inquiry comprising Judge Fay, former Ombudsman Sir Edmund Compton, and accountant Mr Peter Godfrey. Their report may be finished this summer, and all the indications are that the ministry will be opposed to full disclosure of the circumstances which led up to Mr Cuckney's Government-backed rescue.

How it all happened is a matter of great public interest and, while much has been written about the wisdom of the Crown Agents' various policies, little has been heard about the ministry's own role in the affair.

Ministry claim

Fortunately, the parliamentary watchdog, Sir David Pitblado, whose official title is Comptroller and Auditor General has come up with some startling evidence which may enable the Public Accounts Committee to conduct its own investigation alongside that of the Fay inquiry.

Sir David has questioned the ministry and extracted a claim that, until it saw a copy of correspondence passing between his own office and the Treasury in October, 1969, the department had no prior knowledge that the Agents were engaged in substantial borrowings on their own account for on-lending and investment.

Yet, in May, 1969, the ministry had appointed its own principal finance officer Mr (later Sir) Claude Hayes, to the newly-created position of Chairman and Senior Crown Agent. He took up his duties four months later and his predecessor as senior agent, Sir Stephen Luke, was allowed to continue beyond normal retirement as an additional board member.

The claim of no prior knowledge is vital in judging the ministry's alertness to, and bending of, changing policies at the Crown Agents. For the ministry is also claiming that early in 1969 it requested Sir Claude, its former Under-Secretary as well as finance expert, to keep it informed of "all proposed new business ventures, investments, and extensions of the Crown Agents' activities".

There had certainly been plenty to report and the ministry must have known of some of the newer activities. Before October, 1969, the Crown Agents, first under Sir Stephen and then Sir Claude, had set up as merchant bankers (with Bahamas registration), founded Four Millbank Investments to buy into British companies and finance houses, acquired their first shares in First National Finance, acquired TV Recordings Ltd, formed a property company, invested in Australian mining shares and set up Sterling Industrial Securities.

There were other developments, too. The whole accounting system was revised, with the Office Fund's assets revalued. A board system had been created to cope with changing policies. The annual reports indicated substantial deposit taking.

Alternative

Even when the ministry, alerted by the Auditor General, learned of significant borrowings by the office for its own purposes (the Agents' task was to break even in providing traditional services to overseas governments and authorities), it decided against a wide inquiry. Late in 1969 the ministry alternatively proposed to study the legal implication of the Agents assuming the role of principal in financial and banking transactions and to look into the tax position.

Ministry officials were now coming under pressure from a newly appointed minister, Mrs Judith Hart, to tell her all they could about the Crown Agents. The Agents were clearly important people and it seemed that, first under Sir Stephen and then under Sir Claude, there was a clear change in investment policies against which ministry checks and safeguards were perhaps insufficient. She did not doubt that they were men of high integrity and the Agents had always behaved with the best interests of their principals at heart.

But the ministry had been caught out in October, 1969, as we have now learned, or it had not properly informed itself of what had been going on.

Mrs Hart was called upon by her officials to appoint a new Agent because of the retirement of Mr J. H. P. Hawtrey. To her credit, she refused to do so without learning more about the responsibilities and duties of the Agents. In the meantime, Sir Claude and the other agent, Mr Edward Morris, carried on.

At this time the Agents had a reshuffle of their board. A year before a new post, that of controller, recommended by management consultants, had been created and filled by Mr E. J. Sayers, who was now retired and his duties assumed by Mr Morris.

This was an important decision, for it enhanced the power of Mr Alan Hayward Challis, the director of finance. Why the post of controller was scrapped remains a mystery, but what matters is that the ministry must have known.

Early in 1970 Mrs Hart, whose inquisitiveness was resented at the Agents' office, asked her officials to prepare a full departmental paper on the Agents and their role. Unfortunately, this was not completed before the General Election of June, 1970, and it was then received by her successor, Mr Richard Wood. The ministry had now become the Overseas Development Administration within the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

In the light of advice from officials and presumably recognizing the Agents' cherished independence for more than a century, Mr Wood did nothing to curb the Agents' ever-increasing involvements.

Meanwhile, the Auditor General was faced with problems and in touch with the Treasury. His job, with its origins going back to 1869, was to audit the Agents' Internal Office Fund, the accounts of which were not by tradition laid before Parliament. The accounts for 1969 were changed in form by the Agents and showed a substantial deficit, requiring the first general increase in charges for services to principals for six years.

Big sums were placed in the Agents' care, rising to as much as £1,000m, but these were dealt with in two other accounts, Joint Consolidated and Joint Miscellaneous, which were not audited by Sir David Pitblado. They were examined separately by the Director General for Overseas Audit Services.

In spite of this complication, it was evident to Sir David and his team that the Agents were assuming the role of a principal themselves, exploiting their position by not being subject to provisions of the Companies Act and normal taxation.

It was to be two years, in 1971, before Sir David was asked by the Treasury to audit all three funds, with a new form of balance sheet for 1970 onwards.

While the ministry delayed during 1970 taking any new action after the Hart paper went to Mr Wood, the Agents were still using their freedom to make large loans to property developers, to buy shares and to steer the interest of their principals into speculative investments alongside the office's own financing.

A new property company, Abbey Orchard, was funded. Plans were laid for new merchant banks abroad. More money was given to First National Finance, which accepted on to its board the Agents' money market manager.

The ministry was at one stage visited during 1970 by Sir Claude, the Senior Agent, who asked that his colleague, Mr Morris, due to retire in September, should remain with the Agents' office on a disestablished basis. There was a precedent, for former agent Sir Stephen Luke on reaching retirement age had stayed with the office and an assistant agent, Sir James Farquhason, had been allowed to stay as an adviser.

Sir Claude obtained the ministry's consent and Mr Morris, who would become chairman of the ill-fated Nation Life and serve with other companies with which the Agents had connexions, was to remain a director of Four Millbank Investments. Unfortunately, Sir Claude forgot to mention that Mr Morris proposed using some of his retirement gratuity to buy shares in one of the companies linked with the Agents' investments.

It was a bad oversight. However, Sir Claude himself had in 1969 asked the ministry's then Permanent Secretary for guidance when required to buy some shares in Gramco Management, for which the Agents' main merchant bank, E. D. Sassoon, was managing a share issue. Those shares were to be bought and sold purely for the purposes of the issue.

About the same time that Mr Morris's future was being settled, the ministry learned of some other developments. The acquisition of a major interest in Tradewinds Airways was followed by the taking of a large share stake in a public company, Stanley Gibbons, with the Agents nominating a director to the board. A new financial services department was set up to revise accounting methods and to prepare consolidated accounts.

Early in 1971 some straws were indicating the winds soon to blow. Gramco Management was in trouble (saying something about Sassoon's judgment) and talking of a merger with the notorious IOS. Nation Life had run into difficulties.

Abroad, the Agents would have to move for liquidation of Mineral Securities. In May various Agents' representatives met to talk over reducing investments and deposits.

Mrs Judith Hart: as Minister of Overseas Development she asked her officials to prepare a full paper on the Crown Agents.

Not until the late summer of 1971 did Mr Wood, at the Ministry, decide to hold an inquiry. He called in a distinguished former Whitehall mandarin, Sir Matthew Stevenson, and in November told Parliament that the inquiry report, when completed, would not be published, in preserve the confidence of overseas principals and to allow frank examination of the relationship between the ministry and the Agents.

Unabashed

Unabashed, the Agents late in 1971 concluded five major property development contracts and pledged £110m to financing a newly-formed Abbey Capital Properties. The Sassoons bank was merged with Wallace Brothers, and Four Millbank Holdings formed to coordinate activities and investments.

The ministry was awaiting the Stevenson report. In January, 1972, the Agents-backed First National Finance obtained banking status from the Government and shortly afterwards sold off its residential blocks of flats and pulled out of the property bond market. Later it would go to the rescue of London and County Securities.

The winding up of Metal Traders, in which the Agents had a loan, was announced.

That summer the ministry received the report, which recommended a shake-up and a clearly defined status for the Agents. It then took from July, 1972, until August, 1973, before the ministry notified the Crown Agents of the main principles to govern their status, structure and responsibility, their investment policy and their level of reserves.

There was even a further delay. In November Mr Wood announced to Parliament that subsidiary companies would be set up to deal with financial services.

During the delay Sir Claude went to the ministry and obtained its permission for the Agents' director of finance, Mr Challis, to become full-time deputy chairman of First National Finance. The Minister, on advice, agreed.

He told Parliament: "It is neither my desire nor my intention to disturb the traditional practice under which the operations of the Crown Agents on behalf of principals have been discharged on a basis of non-intervention by ministers."

A month later Moorgate and Mercantile, in which the Agents had a 43 per cent interest, crashed. By the end of 1973 the Agents had contingent liabilities of £28m or more, and they were undertaking to procure repayment as other parties of £63m in loans.

In spite of all that had gone before, in April, 1974, the ministry had to admit to the newly-returned minister, Mrs Hart, that the Agents had without prior approval taken part in financial support operations for secondary banks and others and provided £60m for the purpose. Mrs Hart ordered a clampdown, even though in May, 1974, the Agents said that reserves were sufficient to meet some investments now at risk.

Mr Cuckney was then appointed, later helped by City accountants, to solve liquidity and solvency problems. Large sterling advances on which interest was not being received could not readily be realized when cash was required to meet short-term deposit liabilities. The recoverability of the actual advances was also in doubt.

Mr Cuckney, on a first estimate, had to write down the Agents' assets by about £85m, giving rise to a capital deficit of £44m by the end of 1974—and they expected interest losses of about £11m to June 30, 1975. Accordingly, Mr Cuckney requested state aid and a Bank of England stand-by facility.

An unpublished interim report, prepared by independent accountants Coopers and Lybrand over the five months December, 1974, to March, 1975, concluded that the need for aid had arisen from "conducting a banking business without regard to the normal principles of banking".

It explained that "liquidity problems and heavy losses were attributed to the operation of the Agents' banking business without an adequate capital base, over-dependence on property and secondary banking sectors, commitment of an unduly large proportion of total resources to a small number of borrowers, inadequate controls over the delegation of authority, lack of formal procedures for approving and monitoring loans to subsidiary and associated companies, inadequate procedures for the taking and custody of security for advances, and lack of outside commercial banking expertise among senior staffs".

The board of the Crown Agents then told the ministry that it was unlikely that such a serious situation would have arisen had there been a well-drawn constitution, effective management control and a firm requirement to produce annual audited accounts within a reasonable time.

On the board's recommendation Mrs Hart decided that there now had to be a full independent inquiry into the Crown Agents' affairs to cover, among other matters, "the past relationships between the Crown Agents and government departments as well as the controls within the Crown Agents' organization".

The Fay inquiry was announced on April 23, 1974, but Mrs Hart, who ordered it, has now gone from the Government, replaced by Mr Prentice, who is about to publish a White Paper well ahead of the Fay findings.

The public interest requires the fullest disclosure of the ministry's actions, or lack of them, if accusations of a departmental cover-up are to be avoided. Coopers and Lybrand's interim report, with its strong conclusions, is as much a criticism of the sponsoring ministry as it is of the men the ministry appointed.

Maurice Corina

Business Diary: TUC goes European ○ Farmers' ploy

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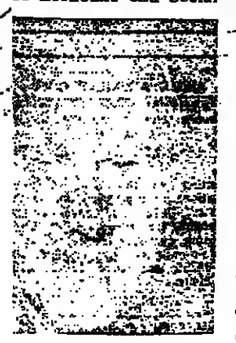

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tee has expressed an dent opinion to the of Ministers, calling on take Community-wide make more jobs.

priately, the mover of ion was David Basnett, outspoken leader of the Kingdom's third largest the General and Muni- orkers, and perhaps the more European in the entire eight-member TUC delegation to Brussels. "I am delighted that the TUC has shown the lead," he says.

And perhaps it's not before time. Next month the TUC plays host to the European TUC, a largely EEC-oriented organization that has at least titular leadership of 33 million workers and seeks to spread European enthusiasm.

The ETUC biennial Congress—only the third in its short history—will be held in the TUC's offices shortly after Easter. After the refreshing whiff of commonsense brought by the British unions to the organization's deliberations in Copenhagen in 1974, the conference will be less grandiosa and more down-to-earth in its policy decisions.

All the more reason, then, to welcome the end of Achilles's sulk in his Great Russell Street tent. As the most powerful trade union movement in Europe the TUC has a lot more "independent opinions" to offer.

Food factors

Those indefatigable supporters of British accession to the EEC, the farmers, are now tempering their enthusiasm with some concern at developing consumer resistance to dearer food.

Paul Francis, an Avon dairy farmer and chairman of the National Farmers' Union, has come up with an advertising campaign to soften up the housewives, which the union, in consultation with the CBI, is making one of this year's priorities.

Francis wants the NFU economists to examine the real cost of food immediately before and after the last war and its possible cost after British food reaches EEC price levels next year. That done, the union hopes that it could then argue that in terms of the net income spent on food the cost of eating is not as high as it seems.

However dear food may now be by British standards, there is worse to come as British support prices—those guaranteed to producers—move towards EEC levels.

Top 1,000

Jordan & Sons, the company information service, has come up with an interesting survey* of Britain's top 1,000 private limited industrial companies.

Number one in turnover terms is George Weston Holdings, Garfield Weston's food group, with sales of £732m, while the 1,000th is the Ilkley retail drapers Wiltex by Wilson with £1.8m.

The survey, which grew out of study commissioned by Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation, is preceded by some league tables. These show, among other things, that big private companies don't export much and pay worse than quoted for foreign-owned concerns.

Not discussed, but evident from the body of the book is the dearth of up-to-date information at Companies House, where the research was done. The guide went to press with figures as late as September, 1975. Nonetheless, to give just two examples from the top 20 companies, there appears to have been nothing available from shoemakers C. & J. Clark since December, 1972, and nothing from British Nuclear Design and Construction since March of the same year.

**Britain's Top 1,000 Private Companies 1975-1976* Dataquest Survey, Jordans, £12.

BL farewell

Barry Mackie, the man who has been closest to the traumas and disasters of industrial relations in Midland car plants for more than 40 years, is retiring at the end the month at 62. His last post as Leyland Cars staff director, employee relations co-ordination, had removed him from the give-and-take of shop-floor confrontation but not, he told us, from his close friendships with national and local union leaders.

"It's all a question of honesty and integrity. Given those two things you go on to mutual trust and respect for each other—even when you sit on opposite sides of the table and disagree violently", he said.

As industrial relations director of BMC in the sixties, and of its successor, Austin Morris, in the early seventies, he had to cope with the most volatile labour force in the industry.

Asked about participation, the latest of a long line of solutions for British Leyland's labour problems, he said: "Participation is not the great panacea for our industrial ailments, but it has got off to a good start here. There is encouraging evidence that the shop-floor is changing its attitude to management."

Did the possibility of a breakthrough at last make him wish he was starting and not finishing his career? No. "I've had a good innings and I could do with a change.

"But I have no intention of stagnating at home. I've no definite plans for a new job, but let's say I am available", he added.

Optimistic jingle

In the United States this week to tell American broadcasters about television and radio in Britain is Terry Bate, chief executive of Broadcast Marketing Services, one of the United Kingdom's two radio advertisement sales organizations (the other is Air Services).

BMS handles advertisement sales for half of the 16 independent local radio stations while Bate, once chief executive of the pirate Radio Caroline station, has a personal stake in many of the stations he handles and probably knows as well as anybody how well (or badly) the British commercial radio network is faring.

He was due to tell Americans at a meeting in Memphis, Tennessee—hosted by the Data Communications Corporation as a preview for the convention of the National Association of Broadcasters in Chicago—that commercial radio here is getting by.

Radio's revenue from advertising is, apparently, looking up. At London's Capital Radio, Britain's biggest, with 20 per cent of the network's revenue, sales were reckoned to be 65 per cent ahead of target for February. The second biggest station, Radio Clyde, even declared a dividend to shareholders in the autumn, although, Bate says, "it will be quite a bit before any of the others do".

The Cardinal Investment Trust Limited

Extracts from the Report and Accounts and the Statement of the Chairman, Mr. R. H. Wethered.

● The year in brief

	1975	1974
Total revenue	£882,605	£857,113
Revenue before taxation	£557,366	£596,054
Dividends on deferred capital	4.5p	4.25p
Balance to revenue reserve	£23,633	£66,235
Freehold Property, Etc.	£391,585	£380,867
Valuation of investments	£16,0[illegible]9,014	£8,911,218
Invested in equities	63.92%	88.70%
Invested in Great Britain (Excluding Property)	44.71%	40.01%
Invested in overseas and international companies	55.29%	59.99%
Net asset value per share	179p	95p
Net asset value of £100 of convertible loan stock	£96.59	£51.40

● **Dividends:**
An increased final dividend of 2.75p per share is recommended making a total of 4.50p for the year against 4.25p for 1974.

● **Investments of Special Interest**
During the year we increased our potentially valuable investment in London and Scottish Marine Oil, through which we have an interest in the Ninian Oilfield. This unquoted investment has been valued conservatively at cost and it is hoped to obtain a quotation during 1976.

The F. & C. Group and other institutions recently formed the Brazil Fund and we have taken an interest in this venture which we hope will prove a successful way of participating in the growth of the Brazilian economy.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Diploma Invest uses issue to hoist dividend

By Richard Allen

Diploma Investments shares went ahead on news that the group is raising £500,000 through a rights issue and, taking advantage of the Treasury concession to hoist total dividends for 1976 by more than 28 per cent.

The group also announced bumper pre-tax profits for the first half-year to December 31 of £1.02m compared with £786,000 last time.

The proposed issue is for just over one million new shares at 50p on a one-for-nine basis. The new shares will not rank for the interim but will get an anticipated final of 2.29p. This would make a year's total of 3.09p against 2.21p.

The board says that in addition to the sale of properties which contributed £100,000 it has also sold the investment portfolio for nearly £500,000. It had a book value of £312,000.

The group says that the property and investment disposals and a strong cash flow leave the group reasonably well off. It is hardly using overdraft facilities, and it also has more than £500,000 on short term deposit.

However the board considers it prudent to take advantage of current conditions to raise further cash for capital equipment. This will leave the overdraft facilities available for an increase in stock and debtors when the industrial recovery takes place.

Shareholders, nearly half of them institutional, are told that Diploma now plans acquisitions after its period of consolidation.

Elder Smith ahead but doubts on full year

Thanks chiefly to slightly higher wool prices and better things in the steel and metals division, Elder Smith Goldsbrough Mort increased its net profits for the half year to December 31 from $A2.86m to $A3.23m. Prospects for the full year to June 30, however, are clouded by pastoral uncertainties.

On a gross revenue up from $54.43m to $57.82m, operating profits before tax came to $5.97 compared with $5.61m after lower interest charges ($12.79m against $14.22m). The interim dividend is unchanged at 4 cents.

More sheep and cattle were sold, but agency commissions fell. Costs, particularly wages, were a lot higher. Recent expectations of maintenance of the rate of profit improvement in the second half year have now been replaced by uncertainty thanks to losses of cattle and disruption from floods. There has also been a downward revision of wool receipts, a union threat to Australia's wool sales, and a further big rise in wages is likely.

Margins dip at Jarvis

Hard on last year's rise in pre-tax profits from £562,000 to a record £598,000, the J. Jarvis building and civil engineering group nudged them up from £236,500 to £244,000 in the six months to September 30. Turnover for the half year went ahead from £6.24m to £7.11m. Margins fell from 3.78 per cent to 3.43 per cent. But the dividend rises from 4.92p gross to 5.39p.

The board says that an encouraging number of invitations to tender are being received. So far this year trading remains satisfactory. Finally, the year's dividend should be close to the maximum allowed.

J. Shakespeare ends year 40 pc ahead

An 18 per cent advance in second-half profits to £342,000 left the Joseph Shakespeare steel forgings group 40 per cent ahead at £703,000 last year. Turnover was £5.4m, against £4.8m. Shareholders will receive a dividend payment of 1.21p gross against 1.11p. Earnings a share are 7.86p, compared with 4.86p.

At half time, pre-tax profits had risen from £211,000 to £361,000. The board was confident that the year would be a good one.

Record sighted by Ega

With last year's growth rate roughly maintained in the first six months to October 30, Ega Holdings, the holding and investment company, expects pre-tax profits for the full year to beat the £935,000 record for 1974-75.

On sales of £3.2m, against £2.8m, pre-tax profits for the first half-year jumped 30 per cent to £514,000. Shareholders will receive a dividend of 0.63p gross, against 1.1p adjusted for scrip. Earnings a share come out at 4.6p, against 3p.

Sutton tender offer

Sutton District Water Company is making an offer for sale by tender of £3m nominal of 8 per cent redeemable preference stock, 1981. The minimum issue price for the stock has been set at £99 per cent to give a flat yield of 12.4 per cent and a gross redemption yield of nearly 12.6 per cent.

The surprise, perhaps, is that the issue has been announced before the result of the recent Mid-Sussex offering is known. Given that the latter was given a minimum tender price of 98½, brokers Seymour, Pierce are clearly in confident mood.

But with the Sutton offer not due to close until next Tuesday, investors will probably want to see both the Mid-Sussex result and market developments over the next couple of days before coming to any decisions.

Local Authorities

The coupon on the Local Authority Bonds is off the 10 per cent "floor" reached last week. It is now 10¼ per cent. Biggest borrowers this week are London boroughs Enfield and Islington at £1m each—the Islington bond is at 11¼ per cent and runs for two years—and the Corporation of London is also raising £1m. Cardiff, South Kesteven, and Bradford Metropolitan are borrowing £750,000.

TCK's bad stumble

TCK, the former Thomas C. Keay textile group turned into a mini-conglomerate by former McKinsey consultant Mr Stephen Rowlinson, suffered a big setback in its second half-year to December 31.

The year's profits were only £138,000 against £149,000 last time and group half-time predictions of around £280,000.

A second interim in place of a final of 2.94p makes a total of 5.54p against 5.19p. Start up and work-in-progress costs at the group's presses subsidiary are said to have cut profits by £80,000 and exchange losses of £30,000 and a £38,000 loss at another newly acquired subsidiary also depressed the results.

Receiver called in at Cohen & Wilks

A receiver has been called in at Cohen & Wilks (Holdings), the Manchester-based men's clothing group. The directors say that although the group traded profitably in 1975, it met "serious liquidity problems" after the heavy loss in 1974. Attempts to obtain fresh capital has so far failed. Interim results for the half-year to June 30, 1975, showed pre-tax profits of £35,000. In 1974 there was a loss before tax of £434,000.

Austin (Leyton) good

On a turnover up from £3.18m to £3.69m the pre-tax profits of F. Austin (Leyton), the London-based furniture group, rose 29 per cent to £246,000 in the six months to December 31. But the dividend is 0.21p gross again.

Last year, the group suffered a fall, in pre-tax profits from £615,000 to £362,000.

Assam Invts mixed

The board of Assam Investments states that estimated net earnings from London sales were at present significantly higher than the same time last year. The overall average price achieved in Calcutta has also been favourable.

Stock markets

Better on Unilever and Wall St

Better than expected results from Unilever and a firm opening on Wall Street helped London to look better. But the buying was selective and there was said to be little or no interest from the institutions.

The prospect of higher transatlantic interest rates remained a concern, especially for the gilt-edged market where initial losses of up to three-quarters had been cut back by the close of trading.

Though well down from January's £16,325.7m, the value of all transactions last month, at £10,496.33m, topped each monthly total from February to December last year.

The fixed-interest figure was £9,157.1m, against £15,027m in January, while for equities the total was £1,339.1m, against £1,798.6m.

Rank Organisation has its annual meeting on March 16. Some think that Sir John Davis may refer reassuringly to falling Rank Radio International losses, o pauk in development spending and dividend prospects. The ordinary shares closed at 170p and the non-voting "A" shares gained 2p to 153p.

The *FT* Index made steady progress all day and, at the close, stood 4.3 higher at 407.1.

Gilts were depressed again. Fears about American interest rates were the main influence. All sections of the market retreated in relatively thin trading.

"Shorts" opened ¼ point down from overnight levels and were steady at the lower levels for much of the day. However, they encountered renewed selling after-hours and, despite a small recovery very late in the day, were eventually 3/16 or ¼ point down.

The coupon rate on the "yearling" issue was 10¼ per cent.

"Longs" opened ¼ point easier and fell back by about the same amount in subsequent business. Losses of ½ or ¾ point were typical.

The Unilever results made the share the pick of the "blue chips with a gain of 12p to 454p, but there were useful rises from Glaxo 5p to 375p and Fisons 4p to 408p. ICI firmed 2p to 383p and Beechams 2p to 355p but British American Tobacco were a weak spot giving up 8p to 347p.

The big engineering shares resumed their recent strength, notably **Tube Investments**, up 8p to 344p, **GKN** 10p to 326p and **Hawker Siddeley** 6p to 422p. **James Dennis**, another on the pitch, soared 7p to 49p after the higher dividend had accompanied a rights issue.

The *electrical sector* threw up a number of features, notably **BSR**, where a new record turntable (and results due next week) were enough to add 7p to 122p. **EMI** put on 6p to 261p, **Racal** traded firmly at 250p, though **IC Holdings** another firm spot of late, gave up 2p to 123p.

After comment on the previous day's results, **Commercial Union** added 7p to 133p in a firmer insurance sector. **Royal**, which had figures the same day, were 10p better to 326p, **General Accident** went up 3p to 179p, **Matthews Wrightson** 4p to 190p and **Sedgwick Forbes**, after the better profits, 2p to 242p.

The feature of a narrowly mixed banking pitch was **Barclays**, with results at the end of the week, which came back from an early 6p fall to close unchanged at 302p. **Standard Chartered** continued to suffer from African doubts and lost another 25p to 380p.

Gold shares were another pitch to suffer for the same reason and also because of a fall in the dollar premium. Here the worst were **St Helena** £17.25, **President Brand** £14.25 and both down by 75p, **Vaal Reefs** which gave up 87p to £14.62 and **Western Holdings** where the loss was 75p to £21.75. **De Beers** continued its downwards slide by shedding another 15p to 203p.

Oils, too, were in a stronger mood with **Wall Street** firmness playing a part. **BP** gained 4p to 587p and **Shell** the same amount to 382p.

Some of the food sh a good session with Lyle 3p better to 26 Cavenham 2p to the 129p. Discounters, K 122p and **Bejam** 81 traded firmly ahead of scheduled for the near

Other firm spots i commodity broker, Duffus, 6p to 147p, a loma, which rose 4p after a rights.

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Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total
F. Austin (Leyton) (10p) Int	0.14	0.14	12/4	—
Ega Holdings (10p) Int	0.41	0.38	1/5	—
First Scots Amer (25p) Fin	1.6	1.5	8/4	2.3
Greenfield Millets (10p)	0.67	0.63	2/4	0.99
J. Jarvis (25p) Int	3.5	3.2	2/4	—
Myddleton Hotels Int	1.46	1.3	16/4	—
Reardon Smith (50p) Int	1.12	0.63	2/4	2.74
Joseph Shakespeare (5p) Fin	0.42	0.41	3/4	0.79
TCK Group (25p) Int	2.94	2.6	—	5.54
Unilever (25p)	8.43	7.28	24/5	13.67
Unilever NV (fl20)	4.72*	4.32*	24/5	7.65*

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per shar where in Business News dividends are shown on a gross ba establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. *Florins. †/ for scrip.

Unilever results for 1975

The Directors of Unilever announce the Companies' provisional results for the fourth quarter and for the year 1975, and their ordinary dividend proposals. The results are subject to completion of the consolidated accounts and audit.

Exchange Rates

As has been our practice throughout the year the results for the fourth quarter and the comparative figures for 1974 have been calculated at comparable rates of exchange being based on £1=Fl. 5.90=US$2.32, which were the closing rates for 1974. Profit attributable to ordinary capital for the fourth quarter 1975 has also been recalculated at the closing rates for 1975 based on £1=Fl. 5.43=US$ 2.02 which will be used for the Annual Accounts 1975.

The results and earnings per share for the full year 1975 have been calculated at the closing rates for 1975. The 1974 figures for the full year are based on the closing rates for 1974. The trends are therefore influenced by the changes in exchange rates during the year. For comparison purposes the trends have also been shown based on comparable rates of exchange.

Combined Results (£ millions)

Fourth Quarter 1975	1974	Increase/(Decrease)		Full Year 1975	1974	Increase/(Decrease) Closing Rates	Comparable Rates
1,676	1,573	+7%	SALES TO THIRD PARTIES—Combined	6,760	6,843	+16%	+8%
742	685		—Limited	2,876	2,441		
934	888		—N.V.	3,884	3,402		
106.6	72.9	+46%	OPERATING PROFIT	363.9	357.4	+2%	—(5%)
(6.2)	—		Non-recurring items	(12.7)	(.1)		
1.9	.8		Income from trade investments	6.6	2.8		
(3.7)	(10.2)		Interest	(32.1)	(26.9)		
(7.6)	(7.2)		Interest on loan capital	(33.9)	(21.9)		
3.9	(3.0)		Other interest	1.9	(5.0)		
98.6	63.5	+55%	PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	325.6	333.2	—(2%)	—(8%)
(48.4)	(34.5)		Taxation on profit of the year	(167.2)	(161.5)		
5.6	(.4)		Taxation adjustments previous years	6.2	(1.3)		
(5.4)	(2.1)		Outside interests and preference dividends	(23.0)	(15.3)		
(4.7)	(1.4)		Outside interests	(20.0)	(12.5)		
(.7)	(.7)		Preference dividends	(3.0)	(2.8)		
50.4	26.5	+90%	Profit attributable to ordinary capital. —Fourth Quarter at comparable rates —Year at closing rates	141.6	155.1	—(9%)	—(14%)
2.6			Difference on recalculation of Fourth Quarter 1975 results at 1975 closing rates				
53.0	26.5	+100%	PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY CAPITAL	141.6	155.1	—(9%)	—(14%)
25.3	19.7		—Limited	83.7	68.2		
28.7	6.8		—N.V.	57.9	86.9		
			Dividends on ordinary and deferred capital	(66.7)	(58.5)		
			—Limited	(21.6)	(19.2)		
			—N.V.	(45.1)	(39.3)		
			Profit of the year retained	74.9	96.6		
14.27p	7.13p	+100%	Earnings per 25p of capital	38.10p	41.76p	—(9%)	—(14%)

Results—Fourth Quarter

The recovery in operating profit which started in the second quarter continued throughout the rest of the year. Results for the fourth quarter, although flattered by comparison with the poor fourth quarter of 1974, were very encouraging. Profits from edible fats were good. UAC International did particularly well. However, our meat products, chemicals, paper, plastics and packaging businesses still faced difficult market conditions, and their results were appreciably worse than in the corresponding 1974 quarter. The increase in profit attributable to ordinary capital was bigger than the increase in operating profit, because the current level of taxation was lower than the exceptionally high rate in the fourth quarter of 1974, and interest costs were down. In addition there was an adjustment for taxation from previous years.

The Year

For the year as a whole, operating profits in Europe were much lower than in 1974, to a large extent because of difficult operating conditions in the edible fats and oil milling business in the early part of the year, and also because of falls in sales volume of a number of our products, especially those sold for industrial uses. Our trawling operation had a bad year. Our dairy products and meat businesses each operated at a loss in total. Ice cream had an excellent year. In the United States sales and profits of Lipton Inc. were better than last year; results of Lever Brothers Company were however disappointing, especially from edible fats. Elsewhere outside Europe most countries showed a satisfactory improvement. UAC International had a very good year for nearly all their main operations.

As a result of medium-term loans raised in the second half of 1974 and during 1975, interest on loan capital increased. On the other hand, we succeeded in reducing our working capital requirements below those of 1974, and interest earned on liquid funds exceeded interest on short-term borrowings.

The average rate of taxation on our profits for the year as a whole was higher than in 1974. This was partly due to a higher proportion of all profits being earned in countries with higher tax rates, and partly due to our inability in some countries to offset losses against taxable profits of the year.

The increase in outside interests in subsidiaries was mainly due to the increased profitability of companies in the UAC International Group having third-party shareholders.

Dividends

The Boards today resolved to recommend to the Annual General Meetings to be held on 12th May, 1976 the declaration of final dividends in respect of 1975 on the Ordinary capitals at the following rates, which are equivalent in value at today's rate of exchange in terms of the Equalisation Agreement between the two companies:—

N.V. Fl. 4.72 per Fl. 20 Ordinary capital (1974: Fl. 4.32), bringing the total of N.V.'s dividend for 1975 to Fl. 7.65 per Fl. 20 Ordinary capital (1974: Fl. 7.25).

LIMITED 8.43 *pence per original 25 pence Ordinary share* (1974: 7.39 pence), bringing the total of LIMITED's dividend declarations for 1975 to 13.67 pence per share (1974: 12.09 pence).

The N.V. final dividend will be paid on 24th May, 1976. The above proposals represent an increase of 5.5 per cent in N.V.'s total dividend for 1975. Because of the fall since last year in the sterling/guilder exchange rate, LIMITED will be obliged under the Equalisation Agreement to increase its total dividend declarations for 1975 by an amount which exceeds the statutory limit of 10 per cent currently in force for United Kingdom companies. As before the Treasury have agreed to such declarations by LIMITED, subject to the condition that the total amount paid to shareholders by way of dividends for 1975 is kept within the statutory limit and payment of the balance of 1975 dividends is postponed.

It is therefore again proposed to make the final dividend of LIMITED payable by instalments. The first instalment of 6.38 pence per share would be paid on 24th May, 1976 to *shareholders registered in the books of the company on* 23rd April, 1976. This payment would bring LIMITED's dividend payments for 1975 up to 10.18 pence per share which is within the statutory limit. The balance of LIMITED's 1975 final dividend which together with the deferred balance of earlier dividends would amount in total to 8.48 pence per share, would be paid when circumstances permit to holders of Ordinary capital now in issue registered at the time of payment.

Shareholders are reminded that for the purpose of equalising dividends under the Equalisation Agreement the United Kingdom Advance Corporation Tax in respect of any dividend paid by LIMITED has to be treated as part of the dividend. If the rate of United Kingdom Advance Corporation Tax is changed from the current rate of thirty-five sixty-fifths before payment of this dividend has been completed, the figures now announced will be adjusted accordingly and a further announcement made.

The Report and Accounts for 1975 will be *published on 21st April, 1976.*

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2nd March, 1976

Goode Durrant confident

By Tony May

A better year and better liquidity is forecast for Goode Durrant and Murray Group, the international finance concern by Mr Lionel Robinson, the chairman, in his annual statement. He discloses that provisions against instalment credit and banking loans in the past year to October 31, totalled £1.1m. They held pre-tax profits to £886,000, against £1.3m.

He believes that future profits will not again be held back by write-offs of this order.

During the past "two frustrating years of international economic confusion" the group has strengthened its financial base, the chairman says. The measure of its success so far may be seen in the reduction in borrowings, less cash held, from £33.8m in 1974 to £24.6m in 1975. So the ratio of borrowing to shareholders' funds came down from 2.3:1 at October, 1974, to 1.7:1 at October, 1975.

Liquidity will be strengthened even further by limiting the level of advances in instalment credit and property. Loans in the property field have come down from a peak of £12.8m in 1974, and at October, 1975, stood at £9.4m

With the expertise built up by the group in property finance, it expects in due course again to become a lender "in this currently unfashionable market". The board does not expect world economic conditions to improve materially until 1977, but the group should do better this year.

Goode Durrant trades in the United Kingdom, South Africa, New Zealand, the West Indies and the United States.

Alders agree to Smurfit

Following "extensive" discussion between the two boards, Alliance Alders has agreed to an improved offer of 49½p cash for each ordinary and 70p cash for each preference. Holders of the ordinary shares will also get a second interim dividend of 0.4647Sp a share, bringing the share equivalent to 52.2p. This compared with AA's share price of 49p yesterday and the original offer of 47p.

Smurfit's present stake amounts to 7.33m shares (about 29.9 per cent), and the AA directors with other holders intend to accept for a further 1.51m shares (8.7 per cent).

It is also proposed that, if the offer goes unconditional, AA will make a scrip issue of two new ordinary for each existing share held. Of the total value put on AA of some £11.7m, the total cash consideration is £8.6m. The greater part of this will be met out of loans which Smurfit has arranged for the purpose.

The issue of course is not yet cut-and-dried, and still leaves the field clear for any aspirant. But Smurfit's has a strong hand.

Smurfit is Ireland's second largest industrial company, with substantial interests in printing and packaging and manufacture of corrugated paper.

Business appointments

G M chief in S America to head Adam Opel A G

Mr James Waters, formerly head of General Motors in Latin America, has been made chief executive of Adam Opel AG (Ruesselsheim), the West German subsidiary of General Motors. He succeeds Mr John McCormack, who has moved to London as director of General Motors' European activities.

Mr F. J. K. Hillebrandt, the treasurer, and Mr J. R. Ibbs, general manager, planning, have become directors of Imperial Chemical Industries. Mr A. E. Frost, finance director, and Mr J. H. Townsend, retire from the board on March 31.

Mr C. F. Ward has been appointed chairman-elect of Dobson Park Industries. He will succeed Mr H. J. D. M. Jowitt as chairman on October 1. Mr Nigel Kane is to become chairman of the Kango division of the group and is to join the main board of Dobson Park Industries, as from October 1. He succeeds Mr Terence Kane.

Mr N. C. Clark and Mr J. M. Salmon have joined the board of Collett, Dickenson, Pearce International.

Mr Barry Embury has become deputy managing director of World Distributors (Holdings).

The council of The Stock Exchange have nominated Mr F. T. Powell and Mr J. W. Robertson as deputy chairmen-designate to succession to Mr D. H. Leroy-Lewis and Mr J. Dundas Hamilton, both of whom will have served a normal three years in office in June.

Mr William Clarke, director of the Committee on Invisible Exports, has been appointed director general. Mr Jeffrey Frost, assistant director, becomes executive director.

Mr G. K. Rogers has been made a director of Kirkland-Whittaker (Sterling Brokers).

Mr H. H. M. Harmer has become chairman and Mr J. Gordon managing director of Hallite Holdings. Mr J. N. Hall has resigned as chairman and managing director but will continue on the board.

Mr A. W. F. Bird is now managing director of APG Hewitt Hose.

Mr Gerald Connolly, a director of the agricultural division of ICI, has been appointed by the National Enterprise Board as a director for the north.

Mr L. F. Hiles has been made an additional non-executive director of C. B. Heath (Lancashire). Mr B. W. J. Culliford becomes an additional director of C. B. Heath (North America).

Mr F. Dixon has been made managing director of Charles Corry (Metals). Mr Roger Powis becomes works director of Tame Valley Alloys. Mr M. Amid joins the board of Tom Martin as a purchasing director. Mr J. C. Gee has been made a trading director, of Tom Martin.

Mr R. A. S. Laurence has been appointed a director of Thompson Graham. Mr A. D. Morrison-Corley and Mr M. S. Chesterton become assistant directors. Mr R. J. Sharman has been made a director of Thompson Graham (Reinsurance Brokers).

Mr K. Stansfield has been made finance director of Normalair-Garrett in succession to Mr M. Barnes who has resigned for health reasons, but who will continue as secretary of Westland Aircraft and as a director of Westland Engineers.

Rights an payout lift for Denni

James H. Dennis, th chester-based engi group, is to make a one- rights issue at 30p t about £140,600. This is ance modernization of rous and non-ferrous fo It is also raising the d for the year to August from 2.35p gross to 3.8 the shares rose 7p up The Treasury has agree

Mr James Mundell, ch explains that some of the will be used to meet t of complying with recen legislation, and increase tion capacity. The iss be underwritten by Row man, Hurst Brown.

Management accounts first part of the year budget and the chairm firms his forecast that for the full year will further "significant ad At the annual meeting ary, he cautioned that six months would no much of an improveme

Pre-tax profits for the August 31 jumped £218,000 to £358,000 be on a steady turnover of

The South African su suffered from a fall in This led to higher sto finance charges.

EMI plans £2m investment in US

EMI, the internatio tronics, music and leisur has bought SHM Nuc poration of Sunnyval fornia. SHM is a develo manufacturer of medical linear accelera cancer therapy, comp radiotherapy treatment systems and related eq

The investment by I cluding the purchase $2m (£1m), will an about $4m (£2m). SHM ties will be closely in with those of EMI Med another EMI technolo eidiary. It markets a vices EMI's brain and body X-ray scanners i America.

ANGLO AMERICAN GO INVESTMENT COMPANY L (Incorporated in the Repu South Africa)

DIVIDEND NO. 58

Further to the dividend advertised in the Press on January, 1976 the convers applicable to payments in Kingdom currency in respec above-mentioned dividend R1.764755 equivalent to 8 per share.

The effective rate of South Non-Resident Shareholders' 15 per cent.

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ANGLO AMERICAN CORPO OF SOUTH AFRICA, L London Sec

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2nd March, 1975.

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NANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

reenfield Milletts captures old form

secoond-half recovery of r ceut to £388,000 before at Greenfield Milletts, : that this retail and sale leisurewear and ng group did better in ear to October 31 than in 4, as it planned. In fact x profits were £553,000 n £551,000. Turnover rose £5.2m to £5.7m.

dividend rises from 1.4p to 1.52p. Earniogs a were 2.62p, against 2.55p. ital assets heve increased £1.7m to £1.8m. The duly hardeoed.

Richard Greenfield, chair- says that the first four s show e gain in turn- and wholesale order are e lot healthier than ma last year. He makes ecise forecast, but adds he strong upward trend enced since last summer continue. So 1976 should a most successful year.

r & Mercantile

decision to turn River & ntile Trust into an invest- trust has involved the in two accounting periods 75. Gross revenue for the mooths to March 31 was 00 and the rest of the orought in £1.24m. This res with £1.6m for 1974. ings a share went down 32p to 7.12p but the oet value e share jumped 7p to 178p. The divideod rom 8.94p gross to 9.6p.

gins slip but J. & J. on to hold dividend

gins are thin at J. & J. but the board of this eld-based refractory als group is confident he groop will be able to ull advantage of an up- hen it comes.

tax profits io the six s to Septemebr 30 rose y from £572,000 to £576,000. Turnover was £10.9m, against £10.2m. So margins oarrowed from 5.57 per cent to 5.28 per cent. Mr Gerald Lomas, chairman, repeats last year's forecast of profits "in the region of £1.2m" for the full year. Last year in fact ended with e record profit of £1.33m.

The divideod is 1.93p gross again and a maintained total of 4.5p is forecast.

FNFC departures

Dr Basil Bard has left the board of First National Finance Corporation. This is the first n an expected eight departures which will halve the size of the present board. A further four resignations are expected over the oext month with the rest likely to leave io the eutumn. Nooe of these has such advantageous service contracts as Dr Bard who has been paid around £40,000 compensation for loss of office.

Black & Edgington

Black & Edgington, the Port Glasgow-based camping, canvas and leisure group, has completed arrangements for a £1.5m 10-year loan from FCI. The loan will be drawn down over the oext two years and will be repaid in four equal annual instalments in the yeara 1983-86. The proceeds will be used to finance future expansion and to provide working capital to maintain its greatly increased level nf export business.

Jetinga dividend

The dividend from Jetinga Holdings for 1974, approved oo December 16, has not been paid yet because the oecessary funds have not been received from Iodia. While efforts are being made to speed up the remittance, until it has been received, and the dividend paid, the board is unable to give any indication on the dividend for 1975.

Briefly

REVLON
Revlon Inc has completed acquisition of West German operations of ICN's Pharmaceuticals Inc, for $25.37m.—AP-DJ.

FRENCH PRINTING MERGER
Two of France's largest printing groups — Néogravure-Croté-Defosse and Victor Michel—are to merge by April. The combined group will be restructured to ensure competitive place in home and export markets.

GREENFRIARS INVESTMENT
World problems of past two years by no means solved, writes chairman. But progress made towards atmosphere of greater stability and confidence. Resolving of uncertainties should continue in 1976.

PEUGEOT
Peugeot SA plans to raise capital to maximum of 544.4m francs from 420.1m by incorporation of reserves and a one-for-four scrip issue.—Reuter.

LITTON
Six-months' earnings to January 31 of Litton Industries up from $17.14m to $18.63m (from 41c to 45c a share). Sales were $1,672.66m against $1,684.85m. Results reflect strong performances in company's microwave oven, inertial navigation and specialty paper markets. These offset business equipment, electronic and electrical component and machine tool areas.

GILLETTE
Net profit for 1975 fell from $84.99m to $79.95m on sales up from $1,246.4m to $1,406.9m. Fourth quarter profit up from $15.95m to $21.18m.—Reuter.

FIRST SCOTTISH AMERICAN TRUST
Pre-tax revenue for year to February 2, £1.2m (£1.09m). Total dividend, 3.54p gross (3.35p). Net asset value an ordinary share (ex dividend) deducting prior charges at nominal values, 104.4p (62.1p a year earlier).

LAGANVALE ESTATE
Turnover for year to April 30, 1975, £322,000 (£426,000). Pre-tax loss, £156,000 (loss, £80,000). As known, oo dividend. Chairman reports that difficult cooditions coonitnue.

J. BROCKHOUSE
Croop proposes to change its name to Brockhouse.

YEOMAN INV TRUST
Chairman reports in his annual statement that the board coosider it right to keep almost fully invested in equities.

UNITED BISCUITS
A subsidiary of United Biscuits (Holdings) has acquired A. A. Laing (Catering) aod Ross Restaurants, which operate 30 restaurants in Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Elgin, Forres, Inverness and Perth.

TYNESIDE INV TRUST
Net revenue before tax for year to Jan 31, $281,605 (£282,146). Net asset value a 25p share at year-eod, 146p (101p a year earlier). Total dividend, 4.23p gross (3.73p).

VANGUARD GROWTH FUND
Transatlantic and General Securities announces that the interim distribooo on Income Units of Vanguard Growth Fund, for the accounting period August 26, 1975, to August 23, 1976 will be 0.585p net per unit, payable on April 15, 1976.

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA
Orion Bank says company is offering $70m of debentures, in a two-part offering due 1982 and 1988, on the International market.—Reuter.

SKF PROFITS SLACKEN
Net profit for 1975 of SKF, the Swedish ball-bearing group, was 253m kronor, or £30m, against 295m in 1974. Sales, 6,851m kronor (6,900m). Latest figures include those of Sheffield Twist Drill and Steel and Société Anonyme de Recherches de Mecanique, which were acquired during year. Dividend down from 5.5kr to 4.5kr, but is payable on larger capital.—Reuter.

ECGOD-PELEPAH
Pre-tax profit for half-year to September 30, £140,000 (£100,000). Board expects "satisfactory profit" for year. It plans a final payment equal to that paid for last year.

PLASTIC CONS
Chairman of Plastic Constructions reports in his annual statement that first-quarter's turnover is up oo same period last year, but margins are reduced.

BERADIN RUBBER
Sales for year to September 30, £338,000 (£384,000). Pre-tax profit, £129,000 (£117,000). Interim payment, 1.41p gross (0.84p) in place of final dividend.

UOP
Fourth quarter net loss $39.9m (£20m) (profit $5m). For 1975. Reveoue $186.1m ($177.9m). Net loss for year $34.8m (profit $27.7m). Revenue $615m ($781m). 1975 figure for year includes estimated pre-tax loss of $25.7m. This results from a charge of $34.4m from the write-off of receivables and a reserve against guarantee obligations over the constructioo of a refinery at Come-by-Chance, Newfoundland.

OCEAN
Brisbane, March 1.—Ocean Resources granted Consolidated Goldfields and Pancontinental Mining options to earn a 30 per cent interest in the Ormac uranium prospect, the companies said in a joint statement.

Peachey accounts late

The accounts of Peachey Property Corporation heve been delayed by the work involved io processing professioual property revaluaoions; aod considering tax implications. The board expects to send out the accounts oo March 10, and the annual meeting will be beld oo April 2.

NOTICE OF ISSUE — ABRIDGED PARTICULARS

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the undermentioned Stock to be admitted to the Official List.

THE SUTTON DISTRICT WATER COMPANY

Originally registered in 1863 as the Sutton and Cheam Water Company Limited under the Companies Act, 1862, and now incorporated as a Statutory Company under The Sutton District Waterworks Act, 1971.

OFFER FOR SALE BY TENDER OF £3,000,000

8 per cent. Redeemable Preference Stock, 1981
(which will mature for redemption at par on 31st March, 1981.)

Minimum Price of Issue—£99 per £100 Stock

This Stock is an investment authorised by Section 1 of the Trustee Investments Act, 1961 and by paragraph 10 (as amended in its application to the Company) of Part II of the First Schedule thereto. Under that paragraph, the required rate of dividend on the Ordinary Capital of the Company was 4 per cent. but, by the Trustee Investments (Water Companies) Order, 1973, such rate was reduced to 2.5 per cent. in relation to dividends paid during any year after 1972.

The dividends on this Stock will be at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum without deduction of tax. Under the imputation tax system, the present associated tax credit at the rate of advance corporation tax imposed by the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1975 (35/65ths of the distribution) is equal to a rate of 4 4/13ths per cent. per annum.

Tenders for the Stock must be made on the Form of Tender supplied with the Prospectus and must be accompanied by a deposit of £10 per £100 nominal amount of Stock applied for and sent in a sealed envelope to Deloitte & Co., New Issues Department, P.O. Box 207, 128, Queen Victoria Street, London EC4P 4JX marked "Tender for Sutton Water Stock", so as to be received not later than 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 9th March, 1976. The balance of the purchase money is to be paid on or before 6th April, 1976.

Copies of the Prospectus, on the terms of which alone Tenders will be considered, and Forms of Tender may be obtained from:—

Seymour, Pierce & Co.,
10, Old Jewry, London, EC2R 8EA.
Barclays Bank Limited,
43, High Street, Sutton, Surrey SM1 1DJ
or from the Offices of the Company at 41, Carshalton Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 4LQ.

Wall Street

York, March 2.—Stocks harply higher and recover- n the New York stock ge.

Dow Jones industrial aver- as ahead 9.76 points to About 1,035 issues showed compared with about 500

me totalled 25,590,000 compared with 22,070,000 ay.

ers reported that investors ncouraged by the stock s late rebound yesterday evidence of tightening Federal Reserve monetary policy.

They added that the gain was based in the continuing economic recovery with an outlook for further gains.

And they said confidence continued to be supported by the government report late last week of a strong gain in January leading economic indicators.

On the Big Board, Belding Heminway was ahead 1⅛ to 10. The company said it expects to report record sales and net for the 1975 fourth quarter and the year.

A block of 159,100 shares of United Brands traded at 9½, unchanged with the issue at 9½ by the closing.

Marley Co was ahead 2⅝ to 48½. Apco Oil was ahead ⅞ at 27.

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[illegible]	34⅞	34⅞
[illegible]	18	18⅞

	Mar 2	Mar 1
Ford	51⅞	51⅞
GAF Corp	14⅞	14⅞
Gamble Skogmo	26⅞	26⅞
Gen Dynamics	25⅞	25⅞
Gen Electric	32⅞	32⅞
Gen Foods	29⅞	29⅞
Gen Instrument	12⅞	12⅞
Gen Mills	30⅞	31⅞
Gen Motors	67⅞	65⅞
Gen Pub Util NY	17	17⅞
Gen Tel Elec	27	27
Gen Tire	22⅞	22⅞
Genesco	7⅞	7⅞
Georgia Pacific	50⅞	49⅞
Getty Oil	189	190⅞
Gillette	34⅞	34⅞
Goodrich	26⅞	26⅞
Goodyear	22⅞	22⅞
Gould Inc	30⅞	30
Grace	31⅞	31⅞
Gt Atlc & Pacific	12⅞	12⅞
Greyhound	17⅞	17
Grumman Corp	16⅞	16⅞
Gulf Oil	22⅞	22
Gulf & West	26⅞	25⅞
Heinz H. J.	50⅞	50⅞
Hercules	37⅞	37⅞
Honeywell	54⅞	52⅞
IC Inds	28	19 e
Ingersoll	36⅞	36⅞
Inland Steel	48⅞	48⅞
IBM	258⅞	258⅞
Int Harvester	28	27⅞
Int Nickel	31⅞	31
Int Paper	75⅞	74⅞
Int Tel Tel	28⅞	28⅞
Jewel Co	21	20⅞
Jim Walter	41⅞	40⅞
Johns-Manville	30⅞	30⅞
Johnson & John	85⅞	85
Kaiser Alumin	32⅞	32⅞
Kennecott	36⅞	35⅞
Kerr McGee	64⅞	63⅞ e
Kimberly Clark	60⅞	61 e
Kraftco Corp	43⅞	42⅞
Kresge SS	35	35⅞
Kroger	19⅞	19⅞
Ling Myer	33	33⅞
Litton	15	13⅞
Lockheed	7⅞	7⅞
Lucky Stores	15⅞	15⅞
Manuf Hanover	34	33
Mapco	37	37⅞
Marathon Oil	45⅞	45⅞
Marcor Inc	29⅞	29⅞
Marine Midland	12⅞	12 e
Martin Marietta	30⅞ e	30⅞
McDonnell	17⅞ e	17⅞
Mead	27⅞	26⅞
Merck	67⅞ e	67⅞
Minnesota Mng	60	59⅞
Mobil Oil	33⅞	34
Monsanto	95⅞	95⅞
Morgan J. P.	56⅞	53⅞
Motorola	46⅞	47
NCR Corp	29⅞	28
NL Industries	15⅞	15⅞
Nabisco	38⅞	37 e
Nat Distillers	25⅞	24⅞
Nat Steel	49⅞	50
Norfolk West	77⅞	77⅞
NW Bancorp	43⅞	45⅞
Norton Simon	23⅞	22⅞
Occidental Pet	15⅞	16
Ogden	23⅞	23⅞
Olin Corp	42⅞	42⅞
Otis Elevator	31⅞	31⅞
Owens-Illinois	38	38⅞
Pacific Gas Elec	26⅞	26⅞
Pan Am	7	6⅞
Penn Central	2⅞	2⅞
Penney J. C.	55	54⅞
Pennzoil	25⅞	25⅞
Pepsico	72⅞	70⅞
Pet Inc	24⅞	24⅞
Pfizer	27⅞ e	27
Phelps Dodge	41⅞	41⅞
Philip Morris	33⅞	34⅞
Phillips Petrol	52	52
Polaroid	30⅞	30⅞
PPG Ind	46⅞	46⅞
Proctor Gamble	85⅞	85⅞
Pub Ser El & Gas	18⅞	18
Pullman	32⅞	32⅞
Rapid American	7⅞	7
Raytheon	48⅞	49
RCA Corp	25⅞	25⅞

	Mar 2	Mar 1
Republic Steel	38⅞	38⅞
Reynolds Ind	64⅞	65⅞
Reynolds Metal	30⅞	30⅞
Rockwell Int	27⅞	27⅞
Royal Dutch	44⅞	43⅞
Safeways	48	47⅞
St Regis Paper	48	48⅞
Santa Fe Ind	28⅞	28⅞
SCM	17⅞	17⅞
Schlumberger	78⅞	73⅞
Scott Paper	21⅞	20⅞
Seaboard Coast	23⅞	23⅞
Seagram	29⅞	30
Sears Roebuck	72⅞	72⅞
Shell Oil	48⅞	48⅞
Shell Trans	30⅞	30⅞
Signal Co	16⅞	16
Singer	18⅞	17⅞
Sony	6⅞	6⅞
Sth Cal Edison	28⅞	28⅞
Southern Pacific	38	38⅞
Southern Rly	57⅞	56⅞
Sperry Rand	45⅞	45⅞
Squibb	32⅞	33
Std Brands	35	34⅞
Std Oil California	30⅞	30
Std Oil Indiana	42⅞	42
Std Oil Ohio	63	62⅞
Sterling Drug	17⅞	17⅞
Stevens J. P.	34⅞	34
Stude Worth	43	43⅞
Sunbeam Corp	26	25⅞
Sundstrand	23⅞	23⅞
Sun Oil	28⅞	27⅞
Teledyne	48	46⅞
Tenneco	26⅞	26⅞
Texaco	25	24⅞
Texas East Trans	31⅞	31⅞
Texas Inst	117⅞	113
Texas Utilities	19⅞	19⅞
Textron	26⅞	26⅞
TWA	12⅞	12⅞
Travelers Corp	28⅞	28⅞
TRW Inc	33⅞	34⅞
UAL Inc	26⅞	27⅞
Unilever Ltd	36⅞	34⅞
Unilever NV	48⅞	48⅞
Unionamerica	9⅞	9⅞
Union Bancorp	9⅞	9⅞
Union Carbide	75⅞	74⅞
Union Oil Calif	43⅞	43⅞
Un Pacific Corp	77 e	78⅞
Uniroyal	8⅞	8⅞
United Brands	9⅞	9⅞
Utd Merch & Man	16⅞	16⅞
US Industries	5⅞	5⅞
US Steel	81⅞	78⅞
Utd Technol	38	37⅞
Vought Corp	15⅞	14⅞
Wachovia	22	22⅞
Warner Comm	22⅞	22⅞
Warner Lambert	33⅞	33
Wells Fargo	19⅞	18⅞
West'n Bancorp	20⅞	20⅞
Westinghse Elec	13⅞	13⅞
Weyerhauser	43⅞	43⅞
Whirlpool	31⅞	32⅞
White Motor	7⅞	7⅞
Woolworth	26⅞	26
Xerox Corp	69⅞	67⅞ e
Zenith	36⅞	37

Canadian Prices

	Mar 2	Mar 1
Abitibi	13⅞	13⅞
Alcan Alumin	25⅞	25⅞
Algoma Steel	26⅞	26⅞ h
Bell Telephone	45⅞	45⅞
Cominco	28⅞	28⅞
Cons Bathurst	33⅞	33
Falconbridge	34	34⅞
Gulf Oil	31⅞	31⅞
Hawker/Sid Can	7.75	7.75
Hudson Bay Min	18⅞	18⅞
Hudson Bay Oil	37⅞	37⅞
Imasco	27⅞	27⅞
Imperial Oil	33⅞	34
Int Pipe	14⅞	13⅞
Mass-Fergsn	20⅞	21⅞
Royal Trust	23⅞	23⅞
Seagram	29⅞	29⅞
Steel Co	29⅞	30
Talcorp	7⅞	7⅞
Thomson N 'A'	13⅞	13⅞
Walker Hiram	33⅞	33⅞
WCT	23⅞	24⅞

Asked. e Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. Unquoted.

Jones spot commodity own 3.30 to 310.93. The was down 1.55. mes averages.—Industrials, 776.56(-); transportation, 165.29(); utilities, 87.62 (87.39); 65 stocks, 300.92 (298.44). New York Stock Exchange index 53.62 (53.30); industrials, 59.98 (59.48); transportation, 39.90 139.08; utilities, 35.62 (35.65); financial, 52.37 (52.00).

$1.40 down in quiet trading

ures closed slightly lower ing. Prices on the Comex 50 cents to 80 cents. IMM closed 30 cents lo er. NY COMEX.—80: April, $131.80: May, June, $131.90: Aug, $134.10: Dec, $135.30: ; April, $137.70: June, CHICAGO IMM.—March, e, $101.70-151.80: Sept, c, $135.40 bid: March, June, $139.50. es were: March, 412.30c: Jc: May, 416.00c: July, , 426.40c: Dec, 435.20c: : March, 444.10c: May, y, 456.00c. Handy and .50 cents (previous 417 and Herman of Canada. previous Can$4.130).

ses closed steady, between ints down on 3,058 lots. c: April, 58.30c: May, 59.70c: Sept, 60.50c: Jan, 62.20c: March.

d sugar futures in No 11 d slightly off the lows. cent down for the day. 91c: July, 13.96/98c: nominal; Oct, 13.92/90c: c nominal; March, day, 13.90/88c: July, inal. Spot: 14.10c

tures collapsed today nal or the daily limit of ses ranged between 1.02 n the moderate turnover ncts. March, 61.20/.40c: 5c: July, 61.85/2.00c: 5c: Dec, 58.50/.60c: 25c: May, 59.30/.50c: July, 59.30/.60c.

COCOA. Final prices were 0.73 to 0.61 cent up for the day. March 68.45c: May, 64.85c: July, 68.95c: Sept, 60.35c: Dec, 58.15c: March, 56.75c: May, 55.70c: July, unquoted. Spots: Ghana 75½c, Bahia 70½c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Final finished at the day's lows, ranging $1.70 to $1.00 a ton below last night's close. Final oil prices declined 0.13 to 0.25 cent a lb.

SOYABEANS. March, 472½-73½c: May, 480½-81c: July, 488½-89½c: Aug, 483-93½c: Sept, 486½c: Nov, 504-05c: Jan, 510½-10c: March, 518c: May, 524½c.

SOYABEAN MEAL. March, $133.70. SOYABEAN OIL. March, 16.50-55c: May, 16.70-72c: July, 16.95c: Aug, 17.05c: Sept, 17.05-10c: Oct, 17.10-15c: Dec, 17.30c: Jan, 17.35-40c: March, 17.40-50c: May, 17.45-55c.

SOYABEAN MEAL (New). March, $132.70-0.80: May, $133.50: July, $136.50: Aug, $138.00: Sept, $139.00-140.00: Oct, $140.50: Dec, $143.50-4.00: Jan, $145.50.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed 12½ to 15 cents lower. March, 371-372c: May, 378½-380½c: July, 385-385½c: Sept, 389-389½c: Dec, 399½c: March 408½c. MAIZE closed 3 to 6½ cents lower. March, 267½-268c: May, 272½-273c: July, 276½-277c: Sept, 275½-276½c: Dec, 268-269½c: March, 275½c: May, 279c. OATS closed 2½ to ½ cent lower. March, 159½c: May, 159½c: July, 157c: Sept, 155c: Dec, 155c.

Foreign Exchange. Sterling spot, $2.0218 ($2.0239): three months, $2.0060 ($2.0055): Canadian dollar, 100.00c (101.07c).

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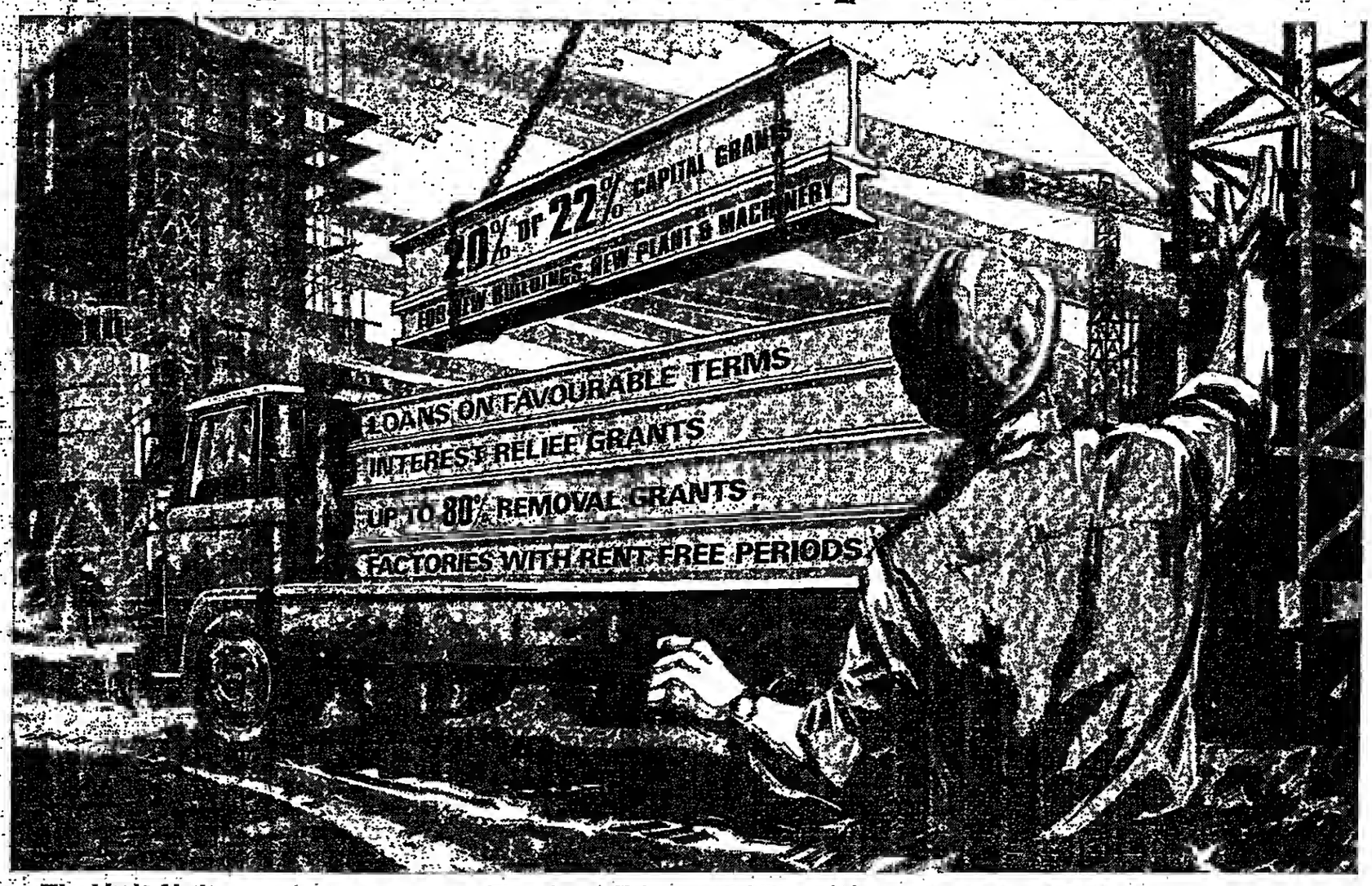

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MARKET REPORTS

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981	104	105
Air France 9¾ 1982	102½	103½
Airtours 8¾ 1986	99½	98¾
ARDB 9¾ 1980	100	101
Ashland 8 1987	94¾	95¾
Barclays Bank 9¼ 1982	101	102
BFCE 9 1982	101¼	102¼
Broken Hill Prop 9½ 1981	103¼	104¼
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	90	93
Burlington 7¾ 1987	94	95
Carrier 8 1987	93¼	94¼
CECA 8¾ 1982	101½	102½
Chevron 7 1989	100¼	101¼
Conoco 7 1989	96¼	97¼
Conoco 8 1986	98½	99½
Cons Foods 7¾ 1991	90½	91½
CSR 9¾ 1980	102	103
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	78½	79½
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	103	104
Dalter Bloomer 8 1987	95½	96½
Dana 8 1987	94½	95½
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	89	90
DGM 9¾ 1980	102½	103½
EIB 9 1982	103½	104½
EIB 9¾ 1985	103	104
Econ 9¾ 1989	88	89
Econ 10¼ 1985	97	98
Econ Floating Rate 1983	99½	99½
First Chicago 7 1980	96½	97½
GATX 8¾ 1987	95½	96½
Gould 9¾ 1983	102	103
Guardian Royal 8 1987	81	82
Gulf and Western 9¾ 1980	100	101
ICI 7¾ 1982	87	90
International Util 8¾ 1982	98	99
Motorola 8 1987	95½	96½
National Cool Board 8¾ 1988	88	89
New Zealand 9 1990	103	104
New Zealand 9¾ 1982	103½	104½
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	103½	104½
Nippon Steel 9¾ 1980	102	103
N. A. Rockwell 8¼ 1987	93½	94½
Occidental 10 1981	101	102
Ontario Hydro 9 1980	103½	105½
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	96	97
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981	102	103
Pennwalt 8 1987	96	97
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	95	96
Scott Paper 8¾ 1990	92	93
Scrantrift 8¾ 1988	98½	99½

	Bid	Offer
Shell 7¾ 1987	96½	97½
Singer 11 1977	99½	100½
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	109	109
Standard Oil 8¾ 1980	103½	104½
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	100½	101½
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	101	102
Swissaretas 9¼ 1980	101	102
Sybron 8 1987	96½	97½
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	80	81
Textron 7¾ 1987	89½	90½
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1989	93½	94½
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	96	97
Williams & Glyns 8¾ 1987	98	98½
DM BONDS		
CPP 8¾ 1985	102	103
Denmark 9¾ 1989	100½	101½
ICI 8¾ 1982	102½	103½
Mexico 9 1982	101	102
National Westminster 8 1986	98	99
Sumitomo Metal Inds 8¾ 1983	103	104
Sun Int Fin 7¾ 1988	95½	96½

$ CONVERTIBLES	Bid	Offer
AMF 5 1987	71	73
American Express 4¼ 1987	85	88
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1986	94	98
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1991	106	108
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	101½	103½
Borden 5 1993	97	99
Borden 4¼ 1991	106	108
Broadway Hale 4¼ 1987	72	74
Carnation 4 1987	91	93
Citicorp 5 1991	100	102
Comnwlth Oil 5 1986	82	87
Dart 4¾ 1987	90½	92½
Eastman Kodak 4¼ 1988	118½	119½
Economic Labs 4½ 1987	81	83
Federated Dept Stores 4½ 1985	135	137
Ford 5 1988	86	88
Ford 5 1988	86	88
Gillette 4¾ 1987	81	83
Gould 5 1987	88	90
General Electric 4½ 1987	87	89
Gulf and Western 5 1988	104	106
Harris 5 1987	84	86
Honeywell 5 1986	83	85
ITT 4½ 1987	75	77
J Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	126	128
J P Morgan 4½ 1987	109	111
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	92	94
Owens Illinois 4¾ 1987	87	89
J C Penney 4½ 1987	90	92
Revlon 4¾ 1987	100	102
Rank Org 4¼ 1985	48	50
Sperry Rand 4½ 1988	99	101
Squibb 4¼ 1987	81	83
Texaco 4¼ 1988	76	78
Union Carbide 4¾ 1983	129	131
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	93	95
Xerox Corp 5 1988	77	79

DM = Deutschmark issue.

Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

TEA: There were 41,137 packages on offer on Monday including north Indian Kenya and Bangladesh teas. The market opened around 1p per kilo lower for most descriptions. Dusts were an exception however and remained strong throughout, the Tea Brokers' Association said. But a better load developed as the sale progressed and prices closed firm except for broken grades.

Tin and copper prices go down further

Tin prices continued to decline on the London Metal Exchange yesterday. A sharp downturn of $M13.75 at Penang and continued lack of fresh demand prompted liquidation and stopless selling. Standard cash declined £2.50 to £3,279 and three months was £4 down at £3,349.

The market is also being cautious because although there is some talk of higher price ranges being approved at next week's International Tin Council meeting, there is also the possibility of export restrictions being eased.

In copper, cash wire bars were £2 down at £618.75 and three months declined £3 to £638.75. There is a lack of fresh bull factors in the market and a low current level of physical offtake.

COPPER.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £618.50-19 a metric ton; third months, £638.50-37. Sales, 4,700 tons. Cash cathodes, £608.50-9.50; three months, £627-28. Sales, nil. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £618-18.50; three months, £638.50-39.50. Settlement, £612.50. Sales, 9,950 tons. Cash cathodes, £605-09.50; three months, £627-27.50. Settlement, £609.50. Sales, 1,225 tons (about half cathodes).

SILVER was about 2p down on all three LME positions.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 104.75p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 414.6); three months, 204.45p (400.6c); six months, 214.00p (427.1c); one-year, 227.10p (454.5c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 204-04.5p; three months, 208.8-09.9p; seven months, 216.5-16p. Sales, 96 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 204.1-04.2p; three months, 208.9-09.0p; seven months, 216.8-17.0p. Settlement, 204.2p. Sales, 52 lots.

TIN. — Afternoon. — Standard cash, £3,278-80 a metric ton; three months, £3,348-50. Sales, 375 tons. High grade, cash, £3,266.16; three months, £3,370-75. Sales, nil. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,268-70; three months, £3,338-40. Settlement, £3,270. Sales, 585 tons. High grade, cash, £3,250-3,300; three months, £3,368-70. Settlement, £3,300. Sales, 50 tons (all carries). Singapore tin ex-works, $M16,575 a picul.

LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £178-78.25 a metric ton; three months, £184.50-84.75. Sales, 375 lots. Morning.—Cash, £177.25-77.50; three months, £183.75-84.00. Settlement, £177.50. Sales, 2,000 tons.

ZINC was quiet and steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £342-42.50 a metric ton; three months, £362.50-63. Sales, 50 tons. Morning.—Cash, £341.75-42.00; three months, £351.75-52.00. Settlement, £342. Sales, 2,125 tons. Producers' price, $775 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

Commodities

PLATINUM was 35p down at £67.45 ($130.61 a troy ounce.

RUBBER was steady.—April, 40.73-41.25p per kilo; May, 41-41.50p; April-June, 41.05-41.20p; July-Sept, 41.70-42.25p; Oct-Dec, 44.45-44.50p; Jan-March, 45.65-45.60p; April-June, 46.25-46.65p; July-Sept, 47.40-47.45p; Oct-Dec, 47.90-47.95p. Sales: 150 lots of 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet.—Spot, 40.50-41.00. Cifs, April, 39.00-39.10; May, 39.25-39.75.

COFFEE: Robusta futures were firmer, both March and May positions going up by £4.50.

ROBUSTAS.—March, 2825-827 per metric ton; May, 2841-842; July, 2865-870; Sept, 2883-884; Nov, 2872-873; Jan, 2878-879; March, 2885-885. Sales 1,904 lots including 17 options.

ARABICAS were dull.—April $100-11 per 60 kilos; June, $106.60-31; August, $106-8.50; Oct, $107-10; Dec, $106.75-10; Feb, $109-10; April, $109-10. Sales 15 lots.

COCOA was firmer.—March, £743-45.50 per metric ton; May, £724.50-25.00; July, £712-12.00; Sept, £690-92; Dec, £672-75; March, £666-66; May, £659-60. Sales 1,639 lots including one option. ICO prices: daily £0.46; 15-day average £4.16; 22-day average £3.02. (United States cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were quiet.—The London daily price was down £1 at £165 (up £1) for "whites", £181 (unchanged) — May, £164.30-64.50 per long ton; August, £165.30-65.40; Oct, £165.45-65.60; Dec, £165.50-65.35; March, £165.30-65.60; May, £165.60-65.75; August, £165.50-66.50. Sales: 2,092 lots. ISA prices: 14.01c; 15-day average 13.60c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was barely steady.—April, £87.50-88.50 per metric ton; June, £87.60-87.70; Aug, £88.50-88.50; Oct, £89.70-89.90; Dec, £90.70-90.80; Feb, £91.60-92.00; April, £92.80-93.90. Sales: 44 lots.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady.—March 170-76p per kilo; May, 175-81p; July, 180-88p; Oct, 200-03p; Dec, 207-09p; March, 215-19p; May, 220-21p. Sales: 3 lots.

JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "TD" grade, Feb-March, £195 per long ton. "B" grade, Feb-March, £187.50. Calcutta was nearly indeterminate. RSS10 per bale of 400lb, Dundee, Dalsee, Sept, £42.50.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: March, £100.50; April-May, £98.50; May-June, £95.00 direct Trinity; April, £100.70; April-May, £99.80; May, £99.75; June, £100; July, £100.50; Aug, £100.10 east coast. EEC feed: March, £66.50; Sept, £65.60; Nov, £67.50. SEAMEAL.—No 3 yellow American-French: March, £67.50; second option first half March, £67.25; second half March, £67.50 trans-shipment east coast. South African white: April, £76.50. Glasgow South African Feb-May: April, £77.25 Glasgow.

BARLEY.—EEC feed: March, £68.25; April, £69 east coast. All per long ton, cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin. BARLEY was barely steady: March £64; May, £66.25; Sept, £65.60; Nov, £67.50. WHEAT was barely steady: March, £98.10; May, £98.10; Sept, £66.55; Nov, £68; Jan, £69.80. Sept. Nov six forwards are quoted per tonne; other positions are still per long ton.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices.

	Sat milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Gloucester	£64.45	—	£64.60
Humberside	£63.00	£64.50	£63.00

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 2.—UK: Cattle £25.37 per live cwt (+0.48). Sheep 44.6p per lb dcw (+1.0). Pigs £4.72 per kg lw (-0.18). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 8.7 per cent, average price £25.42 (+0.29). Sheep numbers down 16.9 per cent, average price 44.5p (+1.7). Pig numbers up 0.3 per cent, average price £4.71 (-0.13). Scotland: Cattle numbers down 13.2 per cent, average price £25.16 (+0.41). Sheep numbers up 26.6 per cent, average price 43.7p (+0.1). Pig numbers up 15.8 per cent, average price £4.52 (-0.12).

EGGS (The London Egg Exchange).—In home-produced steady trade is expected for standards and medium and all supplies are clearing. The demand for large remains disappointing and the close price structure reported below reflects packers' efforts to maintain sales at this grade. In imported shell eggs at this grade. In imported the high prices on offer from other EEC countries are restricting interest to only very modest quantities.

Home-produced market prices (in p, based on trading packer/first-hand):

	Wed/Thurs	Fri	Mon/Tues
White-			
Large	3.20 to 3.30	3.20 to 3.30	3.20 to 3.30
Standard	3.10 to 3.20	3.10 to 3.20	3.10 to 3.20
Medium	2.90 to 3.10	2.90 to 3.10	2.95 to 3.10
Small	2.45 to 2.55	2.65 to 2.75	2.65 to 2.75
Brown			
Large	3.25 to 3.35	3.30 to 3.35	3.30 to 3.35
Standard	3.20 to 3.30	3.20 to 3.30	3.20 to 3.30

Imported prices: Current Arrivals (March 1-6)

Dutch 6	2.90	

All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Keyes trays. The above range is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent upon location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

Recent Issues

	Latest date of return	Closing price
Bowring (C.T. 10p Ord (£100)		83½
Electra Inv 25p Ord (£1)		83½
I.LEMCO 10p Unit (10)		16
Do 14% Ln 81-83 (£100s)		£98½
SCOT 10p Unit (10)		16
Do 14% Ln 81-83 (£100s)		£98½
Treasury Fctg A 1989 (£50)		£93½-¾
Treasury 12½% A 1983 (£50)		£93½-¾
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Allen E Ralfour (£62)		2½ premium
Blackwood Hodge (£20)	May 7	142xd
Graham Miller (£24)		0 premium
Concentric (£91)		4½ premium
HAT Group (£12)		9½ premium
Jackson JEB (£5)	Apr 9	21x
LPC (£75)		7½ premium
Lloyd F. H. (£1)	Jul 20	63
Lloyds Bank (£100)		21 premium
Meyer M. L. (£4)		12½ premium
Standard Chart. 3X (£24)		28½ premium
Tenlemit (£22)		4½ premium
Tripler Fund (£22)		2½ premium
Turner Newall (£22½)		14 premium
Wardle T. W. (£4)		5½ premium
Whatman (£2)		5½ premium

Issue price in parentheses. x Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. § £50 paid.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar closed steady in most European financial centres yesterday after a currency trading session of moderate fluctuations.

The rise in short-term United States interest rates, including the sharply higher Treasury bill yields at the overnight auction, spurred the dollar sharply initially. But European markets over-reacted to United States interest developments and the United States currency's gains were later clipped.

Sterling closed unchanged against the dollar, a [illegible] its "effective rate" unchanged at 30.1 per [illegible]. Gold fell 75 cents to $131.50.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) March 2	Market rates March 1
New York	[illegible]	[illegible]
Montreal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amsterdam	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	[illegible]	[illegible]
Copenhagen	[illegible]	[illegible]
Frankfurt	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	[illegible]	[illegible]
Milan	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oslo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	[illegible]	[illegible]

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 unchanged at 30.1 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	[illegible]	[illegible]
Montreal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amsterdam	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	[illegible]	[illegible]
Copenhagen	[illegible]	[illegible]
Frankfurt	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	[illegible]	[illegible]
Milan	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oslo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	[illegible]	[illegible]

Local Authority Bills (Dealers) Yields

	2 months	3 months
	[illegible]	[illegible]

Local Authority Deposits

	2 days	7 days	1 month	3 months
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $131.55 (an ounce) pm, $131.40.

Krugerrand: (per coin): $134.50-136.50 (£66.50-67.50) (domestic) $134.50-136.50 (£66.50-67.50) (International).

Sovereigns (old), $44.75-45.75 (£22.00-22.50) (new) $44-46 (£21.75-22.75) (International).

Discount m

Discount houses had [illegible] formable day. Rates [illegible] early called 8½ per [illegible] secured, but it soon became clear clearing banks [illegible] money and that a surp[illegible] emerge. The Bank [illegible] "mopped up" by [illegible] moderate amount of Tr[illegible] both the banks and to[illegible]

Before the morning [illegible] than a few minutes [illegible] were falling away. [illegible] fresh money was soon [illegible] at 5 per cent, and the[illegible] cent. During the after[illegible] houses picked up b[illegible] cheaply at 5 per cen[illegible] close coming anywhe[illegible] that figure and 6 per [illegible]

Money Mark Rates

Bank of England Minimum Le[illegible] (Last changed 15%)

Clearing Banks Base Ra[illegible] (Discount Mkt Loans [illegible])

Overnight: Open 5½ Close [illegible]

Week Fixed: 5½-[illegible]

Treasury Bills (Dis[illegible]

	Buying	Selling
2 months	[illegible]	[illegible]
3 months	[illegible]	[illegible]

Prime 9 ank Bills (Dis[illegible]

2 months	[illegible]	3 month
3 months	[illegible]	4 month
4 months	[illegible]	5 month
5 months	[illegible]	6 month
6 months	[illegible]	

Local Authority Bo[illegible]

1 month	[illegible]	7 month
2 months	[illegible]	8 month
3 months	[illegible]	9 month
4 months	[illegible]	10 month
5 months	[illegible]	11 month
6 months	[illegible]	12 month

Secondary Mkt. ECD Bo[illegible]

1 month	[illegible]	6 month
3 months	[illegible]	12 month

Local Authority Mortg[illegible]

Overnight	[illegible]	
2 weeks	[illegible]	6 mont
1 month	[illegible]	9 mont
3 months	[illegible]	12 mont

First Class Finance Houses (Co[illegible])

2 months	[illegible]	6 mont

Finance House Base Ra[illegible]

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

1975/76 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Insurance Bonds and Funds

Offshore and Interna[illegible]

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

To the Holders of

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8% Guaranteed Debentures Due 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture dated as of March 15, 1971 providing for the above Debentures, said Debentures aggregating $2,530,000 principal amount bearing the following serial numbers have been selected for redemption on March 15, 1976, through operation of the Sinking Fund, at the redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to said date:

DEBENTURES OF $1,000 EACH

M 4	2447	4897	7332	9829	12306	15054	17604	20040	22365	27143	31144	34694	38036	41548	44387	47412
31	2476	4906	7333	9832	12336	15079	17605	20062	22365	27203	31171	34646	38088	41726	44891	47425
33	2479	4936	7348	9850	12548	15107	17611	20066	22375	27229	31203	34653	38167	41787	44897	47477
43	2487	4939	7359	9870	12549	15108	17626	20100	23351	27241	31243	34728	38185	41863	44902	47494
72	2499	4941	7399	9912	12559	15141	17671	20111	23378	27262	31278	34741	38221	41843	44961	47499
102	2546	4963	7433	9923	12580	15167	17678	20136	23392	27263	31304	34747	38250	41864	44978	47505
118	2554	5005	7438	9932	12604	15178	17679	20146	23405	27273	31313	34818	38264	41899	44978	47541
121	2589	5008	7451	9949	12637	15200	17727	20153	23414	27273	31332	34833	38311	41914	44991	47569
138	2570	5012	7496	9986	12646	15206	17760	20183	23436	27402	31339	34853	38312	41940	45003	47594
161	2633	5033	7499	10004	12648	15227	17766	20187	23472	27437	31372	34854	38398	41987	45063	47616
182	2640	5036	7498	10016	12674	15259	17773	20198	23533	27443	31376	34874	38403	42008	45087	47675
196	2652	5060	7501	10017	12713	15285	17778	20210	23538	27453	31413	34904	38487	42055	45097	47682
216	2656	5082	7535	10054	12746	15291	17784	20213	23584	27520	31433	34934	38490	42086	45106	47693
227	2660	5093	7546	10063	12765	15294	17800	20217	23624	27523	31437	34972	38538	42104	45142	47708
231	2684	5100	7554	10070	12761	15311	17838	20242	23639	27542	31482	35023	38553	42113	45151	47727
273	2696	5123	7566	10088	12777	16356	17857	20244	23669	27619	31484	35026	38572	42183	45165	47728
289	2701	5130	7609	10130	12803	16360	17880	20264	23728	27613	31522	35056	38573	42190	45181	47761
304	2706	5157	7612	10133	12825	16369	17900	20282	23749	27652	31525	35106	38576	42219	45182	47767
314	2734	5184	7620	10136	12847	16383	17962	20290	23774	27728	31533	35120	38593	42230	45193	47775
374	2753	5195	7633	10153	12844	16393	17917	20310	23794	27732	31568	35123	38630	42295	45204	47786
386	2800	5230	7660	10158	12849	16398	17921	20312	23819	27766	31577	35173	38668	42300	45230	47787
393	2819	5243	7692	10203	12884	16429	17936	20315	23823	27794	31590	35174	38688	42374	45238	47789
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414	2846	5267	7706	10223	12882	16451	17951	20341	23836	27877	31649	35185	38758	42415	45244	47825
428	2850	5297	7707	10273	12885	16488	17971	20347	23860	27904	31657	35197	38777	42441	45254	47826
433	2872	5271	7759	10291	12893	16494	17978	20356	23900	27904	31660	35227	38847	42441	45264	47826
453	2900	5306	7762	10301	12931	16498	17987	20373	23948	27944	31658	35230	38845	42447	45270	47886
472	2908	5315	7767	10327	12933	16504	18013	20403	23985	27974	31737	35248	38853	42496	45331	47904
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499	2994	5354	7803	10371	13004	16550	18068	20443	23990	28157	31752	35297	38923	42817	45341	47968
519	2988	5380	7817	10399	13009	16564	18067	20462	24005	28159	31763	35376	38952	42564	45347	47988
524	3016	5403	7846	10426	13013	16563	18096	20496	24055	28169	31802	35391	38963	42591	45367	48006
540	3038	5408	7848	10431	13039	16569	18114	20515	24088	28173	31826	35439	39007	42610	45391	48035
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663	3164	5522	7941	10529	13161	16662	18217	20619	24289	28333	31964	35601	39098	42747	45558	48146
678	3196	5528	7947	10555	13163	16702	18220	20631	24256	28343	32001	35611	39101	42748	45574	48180
683	3199	5566	8023	10544	13118	16709	18232	20633	24357	28360	32049	35648	39148	42795	45594	48210
712	3238	5573	8026	10583	13228	16724	18243	20636	24380	28375	32025	35673	39165	42827	45609	48223
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730	3273	5607	8068	10626	13260	16750	18295	20641	24430	28428	32077	35736	39242	42890	45631	48294
783	3276	5627	8104	10630	13267	16779	18296	20650	24438	28481	32098	35747	39261	42908	45685	48278
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870	3375	5672	8140	10708	13363	16855	18320	20678	24517	28624	32168	35899	39308	43053	45748	48349
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Stock Exchange Prices

Firmer tone

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Feb 23. Dealings End, Mar 5. § Contango Day, Mar 8. Settlement Day, Mar 16

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BRITISH FUNDS

1975/76 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Red. Yield	Gross Yield
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

MONEY AND FOREIGN

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

FOREIGN STOCKS

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

DOLLAR STOCKS

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

SHIPPING AND DISCOUNTS

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

INSURANCE

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

MINES

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

OIL

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

PROPERTY

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

RUBBER

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TEA

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

MISCELLANEOUS

1975/76 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 02.03.76 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 3, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earn. Yield %	Index No. Yield Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	185.84	5.86	16.18	185.09
Largest Cos.	169.61	5.74	16.21	164.26
Smaller Cos.	187.08	6.40	9.75	186.51
Capital Goods	179.47	6.50	10.68	[illegible]
Consumer Goods	158.12	6.05	19.42	[illegible]
Store Shares	156.09	6.30	7.13	152.46
Largest financial shares	149.54	5.37	—	152.39
Largest financial and industrial shares	170.93	5.67	—	169.96
Commodityshares	189.17	4.95	12.39	194.70
Gold Mining shares	329.01	9.81	14.83	342.93
Industrial debenture stocks	82.63	7.31*	—	82.97
Industrial preferencestocks	55.37	12.89*	—	55.43
3½% War Loan	26½	12.61*	—	26½

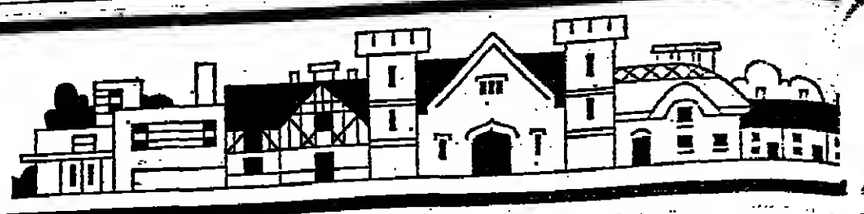
A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	188.47 (15.05.72)	60.23 (12.12.74)
1976	171.30 (30.01.76)	159.37 (26.01.76)
1975	156.82 (19.11.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	136.16 (29.02.74)	60.23 (12.12.74)
1973	189.35 (12.01.73)	120.94 (14.12.73)
1972	158.47 (15.09.72)	134.68 (10.03.72)
1971	174.77 (31.12.71)	122.83 (22.03.71)

* Flat interest yield.

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. d Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. — No significant data.

Property



Country property

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Excellent Queen Anne family house close river and town centre. 3 receptione rooms. 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, conservatory, central heating, garege for 3 cers, ⅓ ecre perily walled garden. £35,000.

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For most people the whole thing is a matter for compromise anyway, but there is no doubt that a really good looking house gives pride and pleasure to an owner. When the inside is good, too, the owner has it both ways. Good eighteenth-century houses often meet both requirements, provided, of course, that they have been well renovated to provide modern comfort.

One unusually pleasant example is Wyberton Park, at Boston, Lincolnshire, a building with a grade two listing.

The main part of the building is in the classic Georgian style, built about 1761, and seems not to have been altered since then. It was apparently constructed as an enlargement of an earlier house, which now provides a William-and-Mary wing at the back. The interior plasterwork, panelling and decoration are of a notably high standard.

The house has two main reception rooms, library, six bedrooms and a dressing room. It is partly moated and has nine acres of ground. The price is £65,000 and the sale is through Savills, of London and Lincoln.

Another good building of the same kind is The Manor House, at Bredon, near Tewkesbury, also mainly Georgian, but with the earlier parts dating from the Jacobean period, with many exposed timbers. Here, there are five reception rooms and six main bedrooms, two children's bedrooms and a staff flat.

Stone farm buildings have been converted to provide a party or games room. Grounds of 11 acres include a water garden and various paddocks, one of which has a frontage to the Avon, where there is a mooring. Offers of between £70,000 and £80,000 are being asked through Knight Frank and Rutley, of London, and Bruton, Knowles and Co, of Gloucester.

A price of more than £100,000 is expected for Stibbington Hall, Wansford, near Peterborough, a fine seventeenth-century Jacobean House, built on the familiar E-plan of the period. A notable feature is an unusually handsome and ornate gateway which leads to the front garden.

Accommodation includes a large reception hall, two main reception rooms, a study and nine bedrooms. The house stands in about 20 acres containing many good trees and paddocks and water meadows, which run down to the Nene. The sale is through Jackson Stops and Staff, of London and Northampton.

A good type of family home is represented by Beacon Farmhouse, near Hungerford, Berkshire. It forms part of a farm of 276 acres bought by Lord Rootes last September, he is now selling the farmhouse with 6½ acres and retaining the rest of the land.

Built of brick and stone, this house was originally a farm cottage extended at the turn of the century. It has three reception rooms and six bedrooms. A former range of stables could form the basis for further garaging and a staff flat. The price is £42,500; the agents are John German and Son, of Ramsbury.

A smaller property, but with an unusual background, is Weavershed House, one of the oldest houses in Dedham, Essex. Reputed to date from the early part of the sixteenth century, possibly with even earlier connexions, it was originally a weaver's shed, but from 1725 to 1835 it was part of the village workhouse.

There is one sitting room, but that is spacious and has a gallery balustraded with weavers' looms, as well as an inglenook fireplace and exposed roof timbers. Further accommodation consists of a combined kitchen and dining room and two bedrooms. The price is £22,000 through Bairstow Eves, of Shenfield, Essex.

Another unusual but well situated property is Bye Cottage, at Snapper Bottom, Burley, near Ringwood, which has a garden of about three-quarters of an acre and is entirely surrounded by the New Forest. The original part of the building is probably about 200 years old, constructed of cob with a slate roof. In the 1920s it was extended by the addition of a large verandah bedroom and a sitting room with Norman arched windows. There are two sitting rooms and five bedrooms. Offers of about £29,000 are being asked through Jackson and Jackson, of New Milton.

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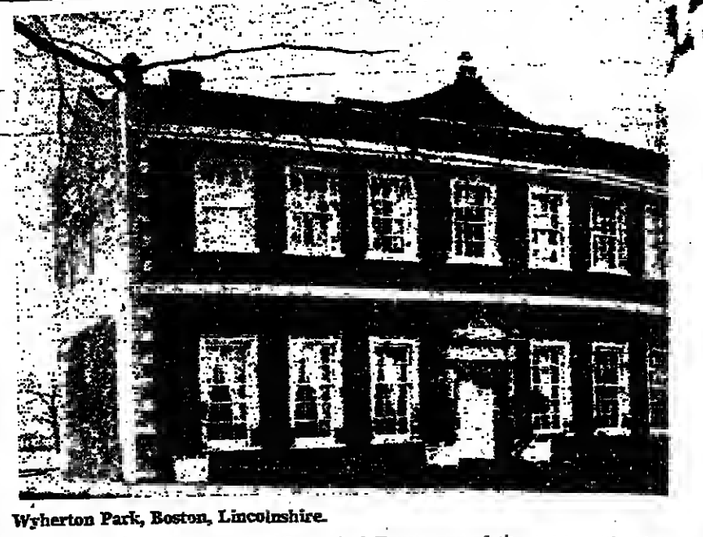

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In view of the forthcoming retirement of Prof. A. G. Dickens, the Senate of the University of London invite applications for the above Directorship. The Director will be of professorial standing and the appointment will date from 1 Oct., 1977. Applications (11 copies) should be received not later than 4 April, 1976, by the Academic Registrar, (T) University of London, Senate House, WC1E 7HU, from whom further particulars may be obtained. The choice of the Selection Committee will not be restricted to those who apply.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Sierra Leone
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Applications are invited for

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tenable from September, 1976. Applicants should have a good honours degree and postgraduate experience. One appointment will be made in the field of Plant Physiology, another in the field of Plant Morphologenesis or Plant Anatomy and the third in Plant Cytogenetics. Teaching duties will include participation in elementary courses in Biology and Botany and other courses according to the qualifications and interests of appointees and the needs of the department. Appointees will be expected to carry out research in their specialist fields. Salary scale: Le4,[illegible] to Le5,250 p.a. (£1 sterling equals Le2). The British Government may supplement salary in range £3,[illegible] to £2,970 p.a. (sterling) for married appointees, or £2,560 to £1,372 p.a. (sterling) for single appointees (supplement normally free of all tax), and provide children's education allowances and holiday visit passages. F.S.S.U. Family passages; various allowances; regular overseas leave. Detailed applications (two copies), including a curriculum vitae and naming three referees, should be sent by air mail, not later than 29 March, 1976, to the Secretary, University of Sierra Leone, Private Mail Bag, Freetown, Sierra Leone. Applicants resident in U.K. should also send one copy to Inter-University Council, 90/91 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 0DT. Further particulars may be obtained from either address.

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Further particulars and application form, returnable by March 31, 1976, are obtainable from the Establishment Section, Office of Arts and Social Studies, Arts Building, University of Sussex, Brighton, BN1 9QN (Brighton 66753, extn. 1050, Miss Holland) quoting reference 443-11.

University of Hull
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DEPARTMENT OF PURE MATHEMATICS

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University of Durham
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University of Durham

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EENTHAM-WOOD.—On February 28th, 1976, at Leamington Spa, to Lesley and Rodney—a daughter (Fiona Charlotte), a sister for Sophie Shane.

HEY.—On 1st March in York, to Elizabeth (nee Renshaw) and Julian—a daughter (Sophie Alice).

HIPWOOD.—On February 28th, 1976, to Julian and Zoesia—a son (Tristan Julian), a brother for Neville. Gay Bowers, Amberley, Gloucestershire.

HOWARD.—On February 25th at St. Teresa's, Wimbledon, to Sarah and Gerald Howard—a daughter.

MARTINEAU.—On March 1st, to Jess and Richard—a daughter (Imogen Harriet).

MILLAR.—On 1st March, 1976, at Dryburn Hospital, Durham, to Arnold (nee Fisher) and Sandy—a daughter (Iona Louise).

PETER-HOBLYN.—On March 1st, 1976, to Felicity (nee Magor) and Jeremy Peter-Hoblyn—a daughter, Lamellion, St Tudy, Cornwall.

ROBINSON.—On 1st March, 1976, Naomi (Indy Wing, St. Mary's, Fowey) and Ian—Sally (nee Ter-Berg) Sarah, a daughter.

WEST.—On March 1st, 1976, Helen—at Hospital, to Jon and Ashley West, of Ellesmere Road, Swendale—a daughter (Susannah Kate), a sister for Melissa and Samantha.

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DEATHS

BULFORD.—On 29th February, 1976, peacefully, at St. Antonio Hospital, Frank Frederick, aged 77. Cremation at Croydon Crematorium, on 4th March, 1976, at 9 o'clock.

CAIRNCROFF.—On February 29th, at his home, Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. Cairncroft, O.B.E., M.N. (retired), of 8 Pilgrims Way, Hill Head. Beloved husband of the late Phyllis and father of Angela. Cremation at Portchester Crematorium, 11.15 a.m., on Friday, 5th March. No flowers.

CARR.—On Saturday, 28th February, 1976, Hilda Mary Carr, of 6 Snortlands Close, Willingdon, Eastbourne. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Wednesday, 10th March, at 11 a.m. No flowers, please.

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DICKEY, J. Peacefully, on 2nd March, at St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton, Janice, dear wife of E. M. O'R. Dickey, of 5 Grove Road, Turvey, Bedford, and mother of Daniel. No flowers. Funeral private.

EMANUEL.—On March 1st, 1976, peacefully, Bessy, widow of Morris of Hove, beloved mother of Alfred and Ralph. Mourned by her children and grandchildren. Funeral 12 noon, Thursday, March 4th, Bear Road, Brighton.

FLOWER.—On 28th February, 1976 suddenly at home, Monty, much loved husband of Joan and father of Judy and John. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Monday, 8th March, at 10 a.m. Flowers to W. F. Grombridge, 31 Quarry Hill Road, Tonbridge (Telephone Tonbridge 3904) or donations, if desired, to the Tonbridge Cast Theatre Appeal Fund.

GARLAND.—On February 28th, 1976, Enid Mary, of Star Hill, Pevensey Rd., Cheltenham, widow of E. W. Garland.

GRENFELL.—On March 1st, 1976, Emmeline (Emma) Grenfell of Stowyn House School, Parkgate, Wirral, Cheshire. Memorial service will be held at the School Chapel on Saturday, March 6th, at 11.30 a.m.

GURNEY.—On February 29th, 1976, suddenly, but peacefully, in her 86th year Gwynneth Constance Gurney, of Alanca House, Griffith Square, Cheltenham. Funeral service will take place at Cheltenham crematorium chapel, on Friday, March 5th, at 3.00 p.m. Cut flowers only please may be sent to Selin, Smith & Co., Ltd., Southwood Lodge, 74 Cirencester Road, Cheltenham.

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DEATHS

TOWNSEND.—On March 1st, at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Justin Seymour, youngest son of Mrs. Arthur Forbes, of The Mill House, Elsing, Dereham, Norfolk. Funeral private.

WATSON.—On March 2nd, 1976, Lt.-Col. P. C. Watson, M.C., I.A. (Retd.), aged 84, peacefully, at home, Lorell Dene, Copthorne, Sussex. Beloved husband of Bet, father of Tony and Derek, and much loved Granny of Anne, Linda, Fiona, Richard, Sharon and Sandra. No flowers or letters, please.

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CORBIN.—WILLIAM HENRY CORBIN, late of 44 Worcester Street, Gloucester, died at Gloucester on 22 July, 1975 (estate about £1,600).

CELL.—WALTER WILLIAM CELL, late of 144 Years Road, Hounslow, Middlesex, died at Hounslow, Middlesex, on 29 November, 1975 (estate about £14,700).

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LINDLEY.—ARTHUR PARVIN LINDLEY, late of 34 West Street, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, Scarborough on 3 February, 1975 (estate about £6,500).

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SMYTH.—ALFRED SMYTH, solicitor, late of 2 Ridge Lodge, London, died 10 March, 1975 (estate about £4,600).

WELTON.—NORMAN JACK WELTON, late of 1 Coombe Road, Sallingstone, Blandford Forum, Dorset, died at Blandford Forum, on 20 January, 1975 (estate about £4,500).

BIELBY.—ROBERT BIELBY, late of Hillside Cottage, Little Humby, Grantham, Lincolnshire, died there on 21 March, 1975 (estate about £11,000).

OAVID, formerly ROSENSTEIN, formerly BLUM nee LEVY, widow, late of Flat 1, 63 Cambridge Barracs, London, S.W.15, died at Putney, London, S.W.15, on 3 February, 1975 (estate about £7,000).

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